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Presidential Address

To the 113th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society
Adyar, 26 December 1988

The address which it is the privilege of the President to deliver every year at the opening of the Annual Convention is meant to offer to members of the Society in brief outline an account of the work done throughout the Theosophical world and also to convey the President's evaluation of what is taking place, his thoughts about the initiatives that need to be taken, and the perspectives which should guide those initiatives. Before I proceed to do so, let us turn to Those who have stood behind the Society's work since its inception and who have been a constant source of inspiration to members who have sought to serve them unselfishly:

May Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal bless with their help and guidance this Society founded to be a channel for Their work. May They inspire it with Their wisdom, strengthen it with Their power and energize it with Their activity.

In 1889 Madame Blavatsky made an assessment of her times thus:

Of all the past centuries our nineteenth has been the most criminal. It is criminal in its frightful selfishness, in its scepticism which grimaces at the very idea of anything beyond the material; and its idiotic indifference to all that does not pertain to the personal self, more than any of the previous centuries of ignorance, barbarism and intellectual darkness. ... For all those who see the sterility and folly of an existence blinded by materialism and ferociously indifferent to the fate of their neighbour, this is the moment to act; now is the time for them to devote all their energies, all their courage and all their efforts to a great intellectual reform. This reform can only be accomplished by Theosophists, and, let us add, by Occultism or the wisdom of the Orient.

She further described the nineteenth century as the hybrid child of medieval superstition and a profligate impostor known as 'modern civilization'.

The twentieth century has far surpassed the nineteenth in barbarism, criminal selfishness, materialistic blindness and indifference to all that is beyond personal self-interest. It has risen to peaks of destructive activity never before reached. The dead and wounded in the two World Wars were counted by the million, and more millions were forcibly displaced from their homes and compelled to suffer acute distress of various kinds. A series of other wars on a lesser scale have added to the century's toll of carnage. These are the decades which have also seen the merciless decimation of countless numbers of

people in several parts of the world for ideological, tribal, racial or political reasons. Rarely, or perhaps never, has cruelty been practised on so large a scale towards both man and animals as in the twentieth century. Plant life, too, has been reduced dramatically and mineral resources depleted. Environmental degradation and pollution now pose hazards so grave that some scientists believe this to be a greater threat than nuclear war.

War-making has been one of the most important commercial activities of the century, bringing enormous wealth to some individuals and firms. Nations, too, if they have the required capability, are vying with one another to amass riches by the manufacture and sale of arms. Criminal psychology is at work in other kinds of business with which we have become familiar such as the traffic in drugs, and the commerce in substandard medicines and food which the poor and ignorant populations of underdeveloped countries are hoodwinked into buying. Modern civilization has systematically fostered violence and it has now spread into homes and streets. It has also let loose the forces of decadence by setting up pleasure and success as the most worthy of goals. Addiction to enjoyment, money and drugs has attained epidemic levels. Though here and there there are signs of concern for the human condition and enquiry into the validity of the premises on which present-day civilization is built, the vast majority of people continue to be in the same state of idiotic indifference to the problems which face mankind and the authenticity or otherwise of the assumptions which lie behind them.

The great intellectual reform which HPB foresaw as the immediate need of her day has still to take place. The Theosophical Society has been part of a stream responsible for bringing about a certain change in the thinking of the world, but the ignorance and selfishness of modern society cannot be dissipated without sustained and strenuous effort. Such effort must come from people who have vision and are capable of bringing about a revolutionary reform in thought. The reform must be founded on a comprehensive and true insight into Nature and her purposes—purposes which are known by the perceptive mind to be an expression of the Supreme Intelligence which works in and through man and Nature.

Unless the reform in outlook is radical enough it cannot bring about a sea-change in the world's condition or relieve humanity of its travails. Petty minds effect small changes; they patch up where reconstruction is needed; they find ephemeral solutions and are satisfied. So from generation to generation, from century to century, humanity suffers and its condition deteriorates. Kali Yuga, the Dark Age, is long in duration because very few have the energy or courage to light a lamp when people around them regard the darkness as the normal state. But Theosophists must set forth with clarity and force the foundational ideas which must form the basis of restructuring in all the fields of human activity. International relations, national objectives, education, politics, social and economic ideals—in fact everything which is part of human society—can be set on a sound basis and be harmoniously

interlinked in a healthy wholeness if behind them there is a clear realization of factors which are discovered only in the depths. This is the light which members must endeavour to provide. It is said that religion which is true must offer a solution to every problem. Conversely, when the quality of perception does not light up the field of human activity and lead to harmony in the world, it does not represent the Wisdom which is Theosophy.

Real culture, in contrast to pseudo-civilization, is spiritual. 'It proceeds from within outwards.' Unless the people composing any society find the inspiration to be noble-minded and strive to progress on the spiritual before they do on the physical or outer plane, decay is bound to continue. On the other hand, when human conduct stems from recognition of the deeper elements in life, there is the incorruptible foundation for real culture. Superficiality is the enemy of culture and civilization. Therefore, reform involves realization of the inadequacy of the prevailing modes of thought, one aspect of which is its shallowness. Superficiality is built into the mind easily in the present day because there are distractions on every side, new forms of pleasure, a surplus of printed matter and markets full of objects. There is little encouragement to probe into deeper areas. Restlessly, the mind passes from one thing to another, touching only the surface.

One of the important facts to be observed and grasped is the relation between effects and causes. A simpleton who cannot see the cause-effect sequence between the sound produced by a radio and the transmission which is at a great distance, or a savage who cannot connect

the birth of a child with the tryst kept by its parents may be scoffed at by the sophisticated 'modern' man. Though such ignorance is thought of as the mark of the savage and the simpleton, the so-called civilized man is no better, for he, too, is prone to turn a blind eye to obvious cause-effect sequences.

Let us take an example, for its implications are far-reaching. The first World War was said to be a war to end all wars. Similar ideas are propagated in connection with other conflicts. The horrors and brutality inherent in fighting are often projected as means to bring benefits to people. The opponents in every war or conflict believe that justice and right are on their side. Battling for a righteous cause, however imaginary the righteousness may be, is held out as a noble enterprise. The fact is, however, that all violence and war brutalize and degrade human nature. The more wars are fought and violence becomes a way of life, the more the mind of humanity becomes inured to suffering and pain. A so-called 'just' war dehumanizes the human consciousness as much as an 'unjust' war, for in both the combatants steel and train themselves to be ferociously insensitive to others. Similarly, cruel experiments on animals, carried out nowadays on millions of creatures, are supposed to enhance human well-being. How can the building of violence and cruelty into the mind, and training it to be impervious to scenes of suffering, help to build a good and civilized society? Is it surprising that terrorism, mugging, battering of children and other acts of violence are increasing, since there is a refusal to see the obvious cause-effect relationship between the unpeaceful

conditions of life and the brutal means and techniques modern society adopts and purveys without scruple to fulfil various ends?

The teaching of absolute non-violence is an essential aspect of Buddhism, Jainism and Hindu Yoga. Lao Tse and Krishnamurti repudiated killing as an answer to any problem. Jesus Christ spoke of not returning violence in kind, and the early Christians were pacifists. But the logic behind their teaching does not appeal to minds which are basically superficial in their approach and are accustomed to relate effects and causes only in a narrow field of material facts. In these circumstances, it is the responsibility of Theosophists to probe deeply and make clear such questions.

War and conflict cannot be ended merely by pacts and treaties. These are broken too easily and mere expediency often paves the road for them. They have their place, but they are the temporary, makeshift adjustments of minds which do not see far enough. The profound intellectual reform we have talked about should result from knowledge of fallacies in attitudes about such questions as violence and conflict and from a clear awareness of underlying causal connections. The Lord Buddha's world-view, illumined by supreme wisdom and compassion, emphasized comprehension of the causal chain and this was epitomized in the teaching of *pratitya-samutpāda*.

This one example may suffice to demonstrate how little the average mind sees what lies below the outer surface. We could take other examples, but for lack of time. However, it is important to consider how the ordinary, everyday happen-

ings, our small, personal lives, the achievements of a particular people and so forth, are related to the very source of human life and energy. The materialistic view of civilization emphasizes achievements in science, innovation, exploration and organization. There has been eagerness to extend spatial communication. But these achievements are transient and will leave only traces for archeologists and antiquarians to investigate in course of time. The highest accomplishment of truly civilized living is the ability to delve into the unexplored levels within, and experience, in ever growing measure, values and truths which are imperishable. Knowing what is at the non-temporal level means touching the true source of power. The ambitious man of the world deceives himself by putting faith in his own power and capacities, but he is soon exhausted and left with only ashes in his hands. What is the true source of energy which is ever inexhaustible and an unfailing spring of joy? The relationship between the mortal and the eternal can only be discovered by those who delve into their consciousness to ask as Sri Ramana-taught: 'Who am I?' 'What do my actions, enjoyments, knowledge accomplish?'

Another form of limitation in the usual mode of thinking must be mentioned before we pass on to other matters. Sadly, there are some members of our Society who think that its first object is outmoded because there is enough talk about world unity, ecology, and so forth to deceive them into believing that universal brotherhood is an obsolete aim. But words cannot replace actuality. The minds of men continue to break everything into pieces—to dissect

humanity into nations, tribes and classes to divide god from god and one's self from all others. The fragmentary outlook is a limited, false outlook. The specialization which is imposed by present-day expansion in knowledge and the one-sided perspectives that people are tempted to hold in a highly competitive age are a formidable deterrent to developing holistic awareness. Seeing the whole—the whole of human life, the whole of a problem, the whole of a flower, bird or person—demands a profound change within, the shift to a different dimension. This is also the meaning of an intellectual reform which leads to unveiled spiritual perception. As Theosophists we must not become conditioned by the thinking around us to believe that outer changes, however exciting they may be, or the ability to deal with immediate necessities, are the most important of our aims. The nineteenth and twentieth centuries have been dominated by the so-called modern ideas arising from scientific development. They have brought many material benefits but they have failed to usher in true well-being for man precisely because they concentrate excessively on the material immediate results and are not guided by the deeper perspectives which HPB referred to in the foregoing passage as Occultism or the wisdom of the Orient. Members of the Theosophical Society must endeavour to bring about progress on a more lasting basis and truer foundation.

The Secret Doctrine was the focus of study and programmes in many Sections. During the year, the hundredth anniversary of its publication stimulated

many members to try and grasp its teachings. The most important celebration was organized in the summer by the English Section, as it coincided with the centenary of the British Section and the triennial congress of the European Federation. The participants came from about thirty countries, most of the delegates being naturally from Britain and the continent of Europe. The week-long programme featured lectures by several well-known members of the Society. A biographical work on Madame Blavatsky by Jean Overton Fuller entitled *Blavatsky and Her Teachers* was published by the Theosophical Publishing House, London, in collaboration with East-West Publications. Booklets commemorating *The Secret Doctrine* Centenary were brought out by the English Section, the Adyar Lodge and others.

Taking advantage of the presence in England of a number of members of the General Council, a consultative meeting of the Council was held there, with three international officers, namely myself, the Secretary, Mr Conrad Jamieson, and the Treasurer, Mr Curt Berg present. A number of items were discussed and the interchanges were very valuable. One of the subjects discussed with very satisfactory results was the relationship of St Michael's Centre in Naarden (Holland) to the Society's headquarters and President at Adyar.

On my way to England I had discussions with the Board of St Michael's Centre, which had resolved to link itself with the international Society by making suitable modifications in its constitution. The Centre was offered in 1925 by Mrs Mary van Eeghen to Dr Annie Besant,

then President of the Theosophical Society, but it remained an independent legal body. Under succeeding heads of the Centre, it was known to members all over the world but it had no close structural or organizational connection with the Society. On 16 July 1988, at a large gathering of friends and workers, it was announced that the Centre has and will have an inseparable link with the Theosophical Society. The spiritual power and work of the Centre were offered to the President of the T.S. The Centre stands for universal brotherhood and international peace. It is centrally situated and has facilities for holding meetings and conferences. The work of the European Federation will be considerably aided by this link and it is planning to organize some programmes there. Nearby Sections in Europe might also hold some meetings and seminars in the Centre. Further, along with the other Centres linked to Adyar, namely Krotana in California and the Manor in Sydney, the Naarden Centre, too, can fulfil a spiritual role and be a source of inspiration for self-understanding and spiritual realization.

The English Section's report mentions that the work of the Publishing House in London is going ahead. A new booklet by Roger Worthington, *The Student's Companion to Patanjali*, was published in addition to the biography of HPB already mentioned. Business in the bookshop has increased. The excellent library in London has continued to attract a number of persons. In producing a video film on the early life of Annie Besant the British Broadcasting Corporation used the archival material in the library. The activities in the London

Headquarters and elsewhere are being carried on steadily. But once again the membership has decreased and now stands at 1,600.

The report from Scotland is optimistic. Twenty-nine new members joined during the year. A theosophical exhibition covering the lives of the Founders, the Objects, International Headquarters and so forth was organized in the Philosophy and Religion Department of Glasgow's main reference library. The Glasgow Lodge completed the renovation of its premises. In Edinburgh, members held open discussions on a wide variety of subjects often chosen on the night of the meeting itself. The Video Education Unit has produced a number of talks on tape and made them available within and outside Scotland.

The Welsh Section as mentioned in last year's address has had a precarious existence for several years because it does not have the minimum number of Lodges and members to remain as a Section.

No reports have been received from Northern Ireland or the Irish Section. This latter is also one which does not fulfil the requirements laid down by the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

Italy has registered an increase in membership of 79, the total number of members there being 1,148. Madame Danielle Audoin of France has been regularly visiting some of the cities in Italy and was the guest speaker at the Convention of that Section. The eighth volume of *The Secret Doctrine* in Italian was brought out, completing the publication of the *magnum opus* of HPB. The General Secretary, Mr Bratina, lectured in several Lodges around the country.

Serious difficulties arose in Spain after three Lodges decided to disregard decisions carried by a majority of members. Discussion with the dissidents proved to be futile and they broke away from the Section whose membership has therefore been reduced considerably. The rules of the Spanish Section have been revised and efforts are being made to strengthen and improve the work with Miss Ianthe Hoskins aiding them in many ways. The Centre of Publications in Spain has been active. It issues a magazine in Spanish containing valuable articles and translations from other journals, and also other publications.

The French Section also lost members during the year. A School of Theosophy was held in October with Miss Ianthe Hoskins conducting it. The centenary of *The Secret Doctrine* was celebrated by a day-long seminar. Madame Caracostea, the General Secretary, toured some African countries for the second time, accompanying me on my visit to that continent. In the French-speaking areas of West Africa, all members and Lodges are integrated with the French Section, unlike the English-speaking members who have their own Federation. Until a few years ago, there had been very little personal contact between the General Secretary of the French Section and the Lodges and members in Africa and therefore the visits to Africa of the General Secretary have been of much value and appreciated by the African brothers and sisters.

In Portugal activities go on steadily. Public meetings were arranged in almost all the Lodges. The eleventh Iberian Theosophical Week was held in Spain and a number of members from Portugal

attended it. They have had some difficulty in publishing their bulletin, but they are trying to overcome this problem.

The Yugoslav Section lost a devoted member in the person of Dr Leon Krevel who passed away during the year. The three Lodges which compose the Section had regular meetings and were very pleased to receive two visits from Miss Mary Anderson of Switzerland during the year. Her lectures were much appreciated. The General Secretary reports that after the traumatic events of 1983-84, the Section is now getting consolidated.

The Swedish Section organized a mini-school of Theosophy in Stockholm in May with the international Treasurer Mr Curt Berg giving lectures. In Stockholm the theosophical bookshop has done very good work and the turnover has increased.

The Theosophical Society has a place of prestige in Iceland as it does in India because its members have included a number of distinguished people in the literary and other fields. The Section had an increase of membership which now reaches 432. Mr Curt Berg was the chief guest at the Summer School of the Section held in July. *The Voice of the Silence*, translated by the late Mr Sigvaldi Hjalmarsson, was published. The Section's magazine was circulated widely as usual to members and non-members.

The General Secretary for Denmark reports that they published a translation of *Invisible Helpers* by C.W. Leadbeater. The membership has increased to 652, but there is much discontent among some of the members because of the manner of administration and also because there is undue emphasis on Alice Bailey's

occultism rather than on Theosophy. A few members have left the Section on this account.

In Finland, a Summer School was held with the theme, 'The Secret Doctrine, the Universe and Us', with more than a hundred participants. A weekend seminar on *Light on the Path* conducted by me at Kreivila, their country estate which is the venue for many summer sessions, also attracted more than a hundred participants. A new Lodge named 'Damodar' was chartered in northern Finland. Some members have been nominated to gather material for a history of the TS in Finland.

In Germany, several Lodges studied Dr Norbert Lauppert's work 'The Unity of Life'. A German-speaking mini-school was held with several lecturers to lead the studies. A new Lodge was formed during the year, named Hermes Trismegistos.

The Swiss Section is a small one. Regular work is going on in Geneva and Basle and, in spite of difficulties, members are devotedly holding the fort. Once again an annual gathering was arranged in Glion where the beautiful surroundings and lectures proved to be inspiring.

Belgium, too, has a small membership with four Lodges. Study courses on *The Key to Theosophy*, Krishnamurti's *Tradition and Revolution*, and books on Meditation attracted a considerable number of members and non-members. The Flemish Lodge in Antwerp is reported to be gaining strength, and is helped by Dutch members.

The headquarters of the Brazilian Section has been moved from São Paulo to Brasilia, after a new General Secretary was elected. It is now established in a new building in the very heart of the capital.

The Section organized a Summer School on 'Modern Issues in the Light of Theosophy' and a seminar on science and Theosophy in addition to the normal programmes of the Lodges. The press, radio and television were contacted in several cities during the commemoration of the *The Secret Doctrine* centenary.

The report from Cuba shows that activities go on regularly. The Section has been scrupulous in setting aside the fees due to the international Headquarters, until a change in the country's economic condition will permit them to send the amount to Adyar. In spite of the difficult material conditions and other problems the members have, they work with great devotion.

The report from Mexico presents a picture of development. The momentum of the previous year was kept up. Besides the Annual Convention two regional seminars were held. Visits were made by the workers to different regions and Lodges. The number of members has increased, bringing the total up to 280. The magazine of the Section, *Unidad*, has also an increased circulation. Thirty-five thousand pamphlets comprising seven new titles were published.

Work in the Caribbean area is being coordinated and it is proposed to have a bulletin which will serve the area. Brother Walter Ballesteros, a veteran Theosophist of Colombia and translator of many theosophical books into Spanish, has offered his collaboration in translating important study material and articles. Contact has been made with the Spanish Section to enable wider distribution of publications and facilitate interchanges.

Professor Miguel Charneco, General Secretary of the Puerto Rican Section

lectured in the Dominican Republic where there is one Lodge at present. He also visited Venezuela. The Puerto Rican Section is planning to hold a Theosophical Congress open to members in the Caribbean area and to develop a School of Theosophy in order to train workers.

In Uruguay difficulty was caused by the inability of the previous General Secretary to fulfil his functions. However, a programme of public lectures, a weekly radio talk and other activities went on in Montevideo, the capital of the country.

In the Latin American continent there are two Presidential Agencies, one in Bolivia and the other in Venezuela. Summer Schools were held in Bolivia, with a good attendance, and included visiting members from other Sections. A flat has been acquired to replace the old rooms which were flooded and fell down. In Venezuela, Mrs Bonilla, a long-standing and devoted member, took over as Presidential Agent. She has under her care two Lodges situated in different parts of Caracas, the capital. These two Lodges are continuing their work quietly with dedication.

In Peru they hope to form a new Lodge and increase their strength. The members study *Man, God and the Universe* by Dr I. K. Taimni and Theosophical books on meditation. A bulletin named *Krotona* is being published. Theosophy came to Peru sixty years ago when Brother C. Jinarajadasa visited Lima.

There is a small increase of three members in the Canadian Section. No report has been received from the Canadian Federation.

The American Section has increased its strength by 306, bringing the total to 5,366. The report is only up to the end of

May, and mentions that it was a period of change and transition in the Section. In addition to *The American Theosophist*, the official journal of the Section, a new quarterly magazine called *The Quest* has been started, which will replace the special issues of *The American Theosophist*. The Publishing House continued to register a great expansion in sale, *Chakras* by C.W. Leadbeater being the best-seller with over 16,000 copies sold. A programme of field work has been organized in which a number of competent lecturers and workers will participate. A close relationship has been established between the National Headquarters in Olcott and the Krotona School of Theosophy. The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind is an activity within the Section. Production of braille pages reached almost 750,000 in 1987, and it is estimated that about 5,000 blind persons have access to theosophical teachings in braille through libraries and agencies in India and Bangladesh.

The Indian Section has increased its membership by 148. The General Secretary mentions that a noteworthy event at the Headquarters in Varanasi was a discourse given by H.H. the Dalai Lama, who also addressed the children and students in the campus. Several devoted workers of the Section passed away including Bro V.D. Kale and Bro V. Ramanujachari. Special issues of *The Indian Theosophist*, one on the *Yogavāsishtha* and *Its Philosophy* and another on *Mystic Experiences: Tales from the Yogavāsishtha*, were both very much appreciated by members as well as non-members. A considerable number of books have been distributed free to libraries and other bodies. As usual, study

camps and seminars were held in different parts of the country. Every year two training camps are held during the summer: one at Adyar and another at Bhowali in the Himalayas. A new feature was the holding of a children's camp in the Karnataka Federation which is reported to have been very successful. The General Secretary conducted some study camps and visited several Lodges.

Sri Lanka continues to be torn by strife, which has seriously affected the work, although it is being carried on. Burma, too, has been in a state of turmoil and no report has come from there.

In the Indonesian Section, the annual congress was held in East Java with a good attendance the theme being 'Divine Wisdom—Principal Basis for the Wholeness of Man'. It marked the 25th anniversary of Perwathin (the Theosophical Society in Indonesia) which was a reincarnation of the original Indonesian Section, set up to conform to new regulations after independence. Theosophical work in Indonesia began in the nineteenth century but the Section has had fluctuations because of political changes. It is now doing its best to attract sympathisers, especially among the younger generation. Two books were published, one to commemorate the centenary of *The Secret Doctrine*, and the other a translation of *The Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom*, which was aided by the Non-English Publications Fund. The Section was invited by the Government to present a paper about the TS and the teachings of Theosophy. After consideration, official recognition was given by the Directorate General of Culture.

The Australian Section reports an

increase of 83 members. The guest speaker at the Annual Convention was Professor John Algeo from the United States. Both he and Miss Ianthe Hoskins from England toured the country. In several cities premises were renovated. The General Secretary Miss Kynaston comments that in general it was a constructive year.

The TS in East and Central Africa comprises twenty lodges distributed over Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia. The General Secretary reports that there is renewed interest especially on the part of black Africans. A regional conference was held at Mufulira in Zambia, and a Regional Study Seminar took place in Nairobi while I was there. Kitwe Lodge in Zambia acquired a plot for the Lodge premises from the city council. Mr Reuben Thuku, the National Lecturer, continues his dedicated work and as a result a few schools have started theosophical units under the supervision of local lodges. The press in Kenya was provided with suitable material taken from the Watch-Tower notes appearing in *The Theosophist* as well as other articles, and several of them were featured in the newspapers, as also full-page reports on the veteran Theosophist Mr H.M. Chhaya, and on Mr Reuben Thuku.

The West African Federation consists of the English-speaking Lodges in Ghana, Nigeria and Liberia. The Regional Secretary reports that many enquiries were received after the visit made by me and Madame Françoise Caracostea. As a result there were 22 new admissions in Ghana. The Federation received many books as a gift from the international Headquarters, some of which were put in

libraries and others are being used by the Lodges. Donations are being appealed for to complete the headquarters building in Accra.

Mr Arthur Bunton, General Secretary of the Southern African Section, reports an increase of 11 members during the year. The Cape Town Lodge building is likely to be proclaimed as a national monument because of its interesting history. It is reported that there is new interest among young people in the teachings of Theosophy.

The International Secretary, Mr Conrad Jamieson, has been in regular correspondence with the Lodges attached to Adyar, those in Bangladesh, Israel, Japan, Korea, the Dominican Republic and Singapore being active. Recently, the Hong Kong Lodge was revived. The English-speaking Lodge in the Cameroons appears to be functioning with a good number of members, but no report has been received from them. *Adyar Newsletter* is being sent to all the Members-at-Large as well as the Lodges attached to Adyar.

I undertook an extensive tour of Africa, accompanied by the General Secretary of the French Section, who translated my talks into French when necessary. The tour started in the Ivory Coast where there are two Lodges, one of which has a number of young members. The other is in the capital city of Abidjan. Members' meetings and a public lecture in Monrovia, Liberia, preceded our stay in Accra (Ghana). Unfortunately, I could not obtain a visa either for Nigeria or the Cameroons, though they were included in the programme, which caused much inconvenience to members. After the stay in Ghana, we proceeded to Togo, visiting

three Lodges. Then Madame Caracostea went on to the Cameroons and later joined me on the journey to the Congo where there are Lodges in Brazzaville and Pointe Noire. Making a brief stop in Kinshasa (Zaire), we travelled over to Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya, finally spending a week in Cairo.

This journey proved to be very helpful in understanding the needs and work in a continent which offers a vast field for theosophical work. Judging from the reports received, the members, too, felt stimulated and benefited. In every country, the meetings were extremely well attended and were followed by many questions. Members came from great distances, in spite of difficult conditions, for the meetings and discussions.

As already mentioned, in Accra a headquarters building is under construction. In Togo, a fine piece of land in a hilly area has been acquired and I laid the commemorative stone for the constructions planned, including simple cottages for residence during study meetings, etc. With aid from the Non-English Publication Fund, it is proposed to publish a translation of *At the Feet of the Master* in Eve, the language of the country. In the East and Central African Sections, too, there was a good response to meetings. We visited several places in Zambia and Kenya and also Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania. At Cairo, which had a Lodge attached to Adyar some years ago, there is a Lodge room and a good library. We were able to contact some of the members and interested persons there with the help of Mr Abdul Rahim Sabry who has stayed and worked in Adyar.

Miss Joy Mills made an extensive tour of South America, lecturing in several

Sections. Her visit was much appreciated by the members in all the Sections. During a long stay in Central America and Mexico, Mr Juan Vinas gave much stimulation to the work in that area by his lectures and advice. A number of other lecturers, including Miss Ianthe Hoskins, Mr John Algeo and Miss Mary Anderson, whom we have mentioned, gave of their time and energy to make Theosophy better known and better understood.

Adyar is a place of profound peace, yet a variety of activities take place here at all times to fulfil the Society's objects. The Founders chose Adyar to be the international headquarters 'at the first glance'. Since their time it is a centre from which an extensive, world-wide correspondence has been carried on. This plays an essential role in maintaining intact the strong links which have existed for over a hundred years uniting the democratically organized and largely autonomous Sections of the Society in a single whole. In order to keep the bonds between all parts of the Theosophical world vital, the President undertakes the strenuous labour of travelling during a considerable part of each year. Both the travel and the correspondence serve to maintain continuity of spirit, help resolve problems, clarify questions and knotty points, or give direction and advice.

THE THEOSOPHIST is also an important means of interchange. Several other magazines reproduce material from this international journal, particularly the Watch-Tower Notes. I am glad to report that the scheme of life-subscriptions is making progress. *Adyar Newsletter* has gained popularity among members, yielding a surplus which will be used to

improve its quality. Steps are also being taken to put *The Theosophist* on a firm financial footing and increase its appeal without sacrificing quality. An electronic addressograph has been acquired to replace an old machine for the despatch of our magazines.

The Theosophical Publishing House has done extremely well in recent years and is disseminating the great classics and other books ever more widely. For the poorer countries, book prices are being kept specially low. In addition to keeping up the flow of existing titles, 25 of which were brought out in the last year, TPH released a new book on *Buddhist Meditation* by Prof. S. Rinpoche, the learned lama who is Director of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in Sarnath and a life-member of the Indian Section. A completely revised edition of *The Reader's Guide to the Mahatma Letters* by Mrs Virginia Hanson and Mr George Linton, as well as valuable works which had long been out of print such as *Letters from a Sufi Teacher* and Mr Jinarajadasa's *The Secret of the Ages* (formerly called *The Mediator*), were published. Efforts are being made to obtain a quality of paper which is internationally acceptable, for the export copies.

A quarterly *TPH Newsletter* has been launched carrying information about publications from Adyar, London and Wheaton. It is proposed to open branches in two or more cities of India and promote sales more vigorously with the help of volunteer representatives who have responded to appeals for helpers. From the Book Gift Fund held by the TPH, there is an outflow of gifts to those areas from which payment cannot be made

because of monetary restrictions. Ghana and Nigeria have been the major recipients last year, but some of the Eastern European countries and other areas where we do not have an organization, have also benefited.

The bookshop in Adyar is doing well and plans will soon be made to expand the premises. TPH itself shifted to the new building in Besant Gardens in March, thus releasing the building previously occupied by it for the use of the administrative departments. Delegates to this Convention will, I am sure, be interested in visiting the new and beautiful home of the TPH.

The Vasanta Press is an indispensable asset associated with the publication work. It will very soon be equipped with new computer facilities to speed up and improve the printing. This will be followed by computerization of other departments.

The Adyar Library and Research Centre attracts many scholars, research students and other people who seek knowledge. Wide publicity was given to the Library by newspapers and other information media at the time of the Centenary, and a television documentary was produced resulting in increased use of the Library and additional gifts of books and money. The Library Endowment Fund has risen to Rupees 1,700,000. We are continuing our efforts to add to this fund to enable this great institution of learning to rise to greater heights.

About 85 scholars from every part of the world used its facilities during the year, apart from the 1000 or so regular borrowers and readers. Many visitors came to view its display of rare MSS and books. Photocopies supplied amounted to 27,962 frames. The Library's journal

Brahmaavidya goes to many learned institutions, universities and scholars all over the world either by subscription or exchange with other prestigious periodicals.

The publications of the year were *Rasakalika*, a Sanskrit work on poetics, a revised edition of volume I of *Dasopanishads* (10 major Upanishads) and the text of *Lalitasahasranama* (a well-known hymn) with a commentary and English translation, whose copyright was transferred to the Library by the TPH.

Maintaining the high standard which earns the Library a position of prestige throughout the world involves dedicated scholarship which the Director, Dr K.K. Raja, and his learned associates contribute, as well as the devotion and expertise with which the Librarian, Mrs Seetha Neelakantan, assisted by her staff, looks after the preservation, cataloguing, repairing and other functions.

In the coming year it is planned to acquire a laminating machine from England and also many of the recent publications in the field of the Library's speciality, that is philosophy, religion and culture.

The Archives of the Society is a mine of precious records. It has been very much handicapped by lack of space until now. After the moving of the Secretary's office to the present Administration Building, space is available for the expanding collection of the Archives, for the staff needed to repair and laminate, and for research work. A display of interesting material can also be made. The Archives and Museum will in the future be one department as originally envisaged by Col. Olcott.

The first 1988 session of the School of

the Wisdom was directed by the Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, who conducted classes on *Light on the Path*. About 35 students from many countries attended this session. A special seminar, conducted by Mr Achyut Patwardhan on 'Flowering in Goodness' attracted many participants. So did a two-week course on 'The Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy' by Miss Ianthe Hoskins who stayed over after the Convention specially for the purpose. The October-December session, conducted by Mr Jamieson, the international Secretary, had as its theme 'Regeneration'. Two week-end seminars were organized during this period, the subjects being 'Regeneration in the Buddhist Tradition' and 'The Ethics of Liberation', led by Mr Achyut Patwardhan and myself respectively. Another guest speaker was Mr G. Narayan, a member of the Krishnamurti Foundation and an educationist of distinction.

In addition to the courses in the School of the Wisdom our headquarters is also the venue for activities arranged by the Indian Section, the Madras Theosophical Federation, the Adyar Lodge, etc., chief among them being the South Indian Conference, Madras inter-Lodge meetings and Workers' Training Camps. Weekly and week-end study classes and lectures take place throughout the year.

Considerable progress has been made in shaping the Olcott Memorial School into an institution which will be worthy of its founder's pioneering initiative. A project was made for improving academic standards and giving training in crafts, character, scouting and so on. The Government of India's Welfare Ministry and the Ministry of Human Resource

Development have sanctioned grants for improving equipment, laboratory and instruction. A generous donation from a Swiss member has enabled the construction of a six-room building for training in crafts, beginning with tailoring, typing, screen printing, plumbing and carpentry. It is proposed to convert the thatched huts in which lower classes are held into buildings which will not require constant repair.'

The school was divided into two from 1974, separating the Primary and High School classes. This involved serious disadvantages. At our request, the State Government passed orders to integrate the school as one homogeneous institution. New teachers with proper qualifications and motivation are being recruited. The governing body now counts among its members experienced educationists and social workers.

The HPB hostel, which is the home of twenty little boys on an average, has been running satisfactorily under the parental care of Mr and Mrs Muni Rao, who are long-standing members. Occasionally, a youngster drops out of the hostel to enjoy the freedom which he can have at home, because poor parents cannot afford to give too much attention to their children. But the majority of the hostel boys do benefit from the help and training given to them in the hostel. Sponsorships for these children have been generously offered by members of the TS.

Another activity which benefits youth is that of the Scout Camping Centre in Olcott Gardens to which not only scouts and guides but school children by the hundreds come to play, learn and enjoy the beauty of the sylvan surroundings which most of them normally never

experience in urban milieus. Every month, the Environment Society of Madras had an Eco-club programme in the camping centre to build environmental awareness in children. A proposal has been put forward to have orientation courses for teachers, as the future of students depends on the example and attitudes of educators.

The Social Welfare Centre, situated on a separate piece of land near the main gate, will be from 1989 under the aegis of the Olcott Education Society which is the parent body of the Olcott Memorial School and the HPB hostel. The International President and Vice-President are the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Education Society. The number of poor children being cared for is about 100. They receive milk and food during the hours they are there. Medical care and training in tailoring for poor women are also part of the programme. Much development can take place in this field after certain physical improvements are made, especially better security.

During the last few years, a major project at Adyar was the construction of stone masonry walls around the entire estate. It has made the headquarters more secure and free from intrusion by both people and animals. Renovation of the old buildings, waterproofing of roofs, renewal of electrical wiring and laying underground electric cables to protect the electricity system from storms are other major works accomplished. All the rooms in Leadbeater Chambers, Bhojanasala and the Quadrangle, where guests and visitors are accommodated, have been provided with fans; a solar heater was installed in the last-mentioned building as

an experiment. Many coconut and other trees were planted to add to the beauty and greenery of the estate.

In May, the President of India, Sri R. Venkataraman declared, preliminary to the J. Krishnamurti Memorial Lecture which he delivered in Madras, that a pillar would be erected on the beach between the Theosophical Society's estate and the sea in remembrance of Krishnaji's daily evening walks on the beach and the discovery by C.W. Leadbeater of his future role as a great Teacher while he stood on these sands. The beach is thus likely to be safeguarded from any project or activity which would mar its beauty.

The Silver Jubilee Souvenir of the Theosophy-Science Group was published with the title 'Holistic Human Concern for World Welfare' and was so well received that it has gone into a second printing. A National Symposium on 'Modern Science and Intuitive Knowledge' was held in Delhi which the Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, inaugurated. A second symposium on 'Scientific and Intuitive Approach to Reality' is proposed to be held in February 1989 over which I have been requested to preside. The *Theosophy-Science Bulletin* has appeared regularly and at every international Convention a scientist of eminence has been delivering the Theosophy-Science Lecture.

The Theosophical Order of Service is active in several countries including Australia, England, France, East and Central Africa, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Spain, Switzerland and the USA. In England, seven new charities were taken up without neglecting the previous ones. Help was given to Bangladesh, Sudan

and Jamaica. In East Africa, school fees, food, clothing, wheel chairs, medicines, etc. are distributed to those in need. In India, several TOS groups continue their activities. A report of the work of the Order all over the world is made available every year by the International Secretary of the TOS, Mr C. Seshadri.

Wake Up India, the organ of the *New Life for India* movement, is being brought out in a much improved form and goes to 3000 schools, colleges and other institutions and people all over India, carrying with it the message set out in the motto of the movement, 'Right Citizenship, Right Values, Right Means'. It is subsidized by a philanthropically minded friend. The whole world needs the ethical awareness which it advocates. 'Ethics is the soul of Theosophy.' By working for right values, personal

integrity and a clear sense of social responsibility, this movement paves the way for the upliftment of the mind into the spiritual sphere. It is to be hoped that the momentum gained for this work in the last year will gather further strength in the near future.

On the international scene, some striking changes are taking place which open up the prospect of improved relations between nations. The breaking of the deadlock in Angola, the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan, and the courageous initiatives coming from the USSR could harbingers a world in which fear and aggression will be reduced. This is an opportunity for all Theosophists to strengthen the forces of brotherhood and mutual trust. May peace and goodwill prevail.

RADHA BURNIER

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Consequent to change in the Indian Income Tax Act, the financial year of the Society has to be from 1st April instead of 1st October as before. Hence, in this transition situation, I will be presenting the audited accounts and audit report for the period 1st October 1987 to 31st March 1988 that is for a period of 18 months, in 1988 to the members of the General Council and present them for adoption at the meeting in December, 1988.

Some provisional details of the accounts for the 12 months ending 30th September 1988 have been made and form the basis for the following remarks concerning this period as well as for the budget now presented.

The budgets are for the period of 18 months from 1st October 1988 to 31st March 1990, but divided into two parts, one for the 6 months ending 31st March 1989 and one for the 12 months ending 31st March 1990.

As to the year ending 31st March 1989, the figures are as follows—

TREASURER'S REPORT

The reconstruction of the Theological Publishing House was completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 8,71,558/-.

The Adyar Library Endowment Fund now stands at Rs. 17,21,296/- as against Rs. 1,99,517/- last year. Similarly the Education Endowment Fund has increased and is now Rs. 15,30,593/- as against Rs. 4,26,142/- last year. I hope the good response will continue as more funds are required for the work of the Adyar Library and Research Centre and for the School.

The aggregate of this report gives details of charitable works done during the period October-September of the two years 1986-87 and 1987-88. As reflected in the figures, increased emphasis is being given to this work and support from members is welcome.

The activities of the Theological Publishing House gave a surplus in the previous year, and the provisional accounts upto 30.9.1988 together with the budget for the half year thereafter indicate a similar surplus for the accounting period ending 31.3.1989.

The working of the other departments have not revealed any marked difference compared to the previous year.

During the consultative meetings of the General Council in Madurai, 20th July and 1st August 1988, the important relations between sections etc. and the International Headquarters at Adyar were discussed, and will be dealt with in the General Meeting in December 1988. In this connection, I want to point out that it is important for the planning and the good administration of the funds here at Adyar that sections and others bring their bills and dues as an early date and not later than what is provided for in the budget of the Society.

The studies made and commented upon above indicate that the overall position at the financial of the Society is likely to be satisfactory.

11st December, 1988

Chair, BSS
H. S. Prasad

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The construction of the new building of the Theosophical Publishing House was completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 8,71,556/-

The Adyar Library Endowment Fund now stands at Rs. 17,01,296/- as against Rs. 7,89,317/- last year. Similarly the Education Endowment Fund has increased and is now Rs. 15,50,895/- as against Rs. 6,86,142/- last year. I hope this good response will continue as more funds are required for the work of the Adyar Library and Research Centre and for the School.

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The studies made and commented upon above indicate that the overall position of the finances of the Society continue to be satisfactory.

CURT BERG
Hony. Treasurer

21st December, 1988

Annexure to the Treasurer's Report for the year ending 30-9-1988

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, MADRAS

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE WORK

1986-87		1987-88
Rs.		Rs.
2,510	ANIMAL WELFARE	700
86,500	DONATION TO SCHOOL	1,37,512
1,110	DISTRESS RELIEF GRANTS	500
23,744	FREE DISPENSARY	25,718
5,418	GRANTS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT etc.	3,890
5,400	GRANTS FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE	5,600
..	GRANTS TO THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE	5,000
6,293	SCHOOL BOOKS FOR CHILDREN	6,056
21,957	SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES	18,321
..	SPONSORSHIP FOR H.P.B. HOSTEL	1,679
<u>1,52,932</u>	TOTAL	<u>2,04,976</u>

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Budget for the half-year ending 31-3-1989 and the year ending 31-3-1990

EXPENDITURE	Half year ending 31-3-89	Year ending 31-3-90	INCOME	Half year ending 31-3-89	Year ending 31-3-90
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Special Departments			Special Departments		
Adyar Library & Research Centre ...	1,40,600	2,64,700	Adyar Library & Research Centre ...	1,18,000	2,36,000
Bhojanasala ...	43,500	86,000	Bhojanasala ...	35,750	71,500
Garden ...	1,33,000	2,54,000	Garden ...	78,000	1,75,500
Leadbeater Chambers ...	50,800	85,500	Leadbeater Chambers ...	40,000	60,000
Maintenance ...	6,93,200	14,99,800	Maintenance ...	1,41,200	3,28,000
Adyar Newsletter ...	8,850	17,700	Adyar Newsletter ...	13,250	26,500
The Theosophist ...	92,300	1,84,600	The Theosophist ...	74,000	1,48,000
T.P.H. ...	2,25,750	4,39,000	T.P.H. ...	7,29,400	14,58,800
Vasanta Press ...	6,32,285	10,94,569	Vasanta Press ...	6,00,000	10,00,000
Charitable Works			Donations ...	30,000	60,000
Animal Welfare ...	1,200	2,500	Fees and Dues ...	1,00,000	2,00,000
Donation to School ...	1,40,000	2,70,000	Interest ...	8,20,000	17,00,000
Distress Relief Grants ...	1,000	3,000	Licence Fee ...	30,000	60,000
Free Dispensary ...	12,000	25,000	Quarters Maintenance ...	55,000	1,10,000
Grants for medical treatment etc. ...	3,000	6,000	Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	—	74,569
Grants for faithful service ...	3,000	6,000			
Grants to Theosophical Order of Service ..	2,500	5,000			
School Books for children ...	—	6,000			
Social Welfare activities ...	10,000	20,000			
Sponsorship for H.P.B. Hostel ...	1,000	10,000			
Deepavali Gift ...	32,000	35,000			
Deposit Linked Insc. ...	2,100	4,500			
Estate Management ...	8,500	17,000			
Headquarters ...	17,000	35,000			
Fire Insurance ...	6,000	12,000			
Information and Public Relations ...	1,000	2,000			
International Offices					
President ...	6,000	12,000			
Secretary ...	11,000	22,000			
Treasurer ...	43,000	86,000			
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	18,000	35,000			
Motor Car Maintenance ...	10,000	20,000			
Movable Properties ...	32,000	64,000			
Museum and Archives ...	6,500	35,000			
Postage, Telegrams & Telephones ...	18,000	36,000			
Printing and Stationery ...	16,000	32,000			
Provident Fund and E.S.I. ...	2,500	5,000			
Retirement Allowances ...	17,000	34,000			
Sanitary Department ...	11,000	22,000			
Security Department ...	1,50,000	3,00,000			
School of the Wisdom ...	12,000	24,000			
Travelling and Conveyance Taxes ...	2,000	3,000			
Provision for Gratuity ...	20,000	40,000			
Miscellaneous ...	7,000	14,000			
Provision for Audio-Visual Equipment ...	—	1,00,000			
Depreciation ...	2,00,000	4,00,000			
Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	2,015	—			
	<u>28,64,600</u>	<u>57,08,869</u>		<u>28,64,600</u>	<u>57,08,869</u>

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THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

In March 1988, the Theosophical Publishing House moved into new premises in Besant Garden. As well as bringing out a new publication, *The Buddhist Meditation* by Lama S. Rimpoché, twentyfive other titles have been reprinted. In October a quarterly newsletter called T.P.H. Newsletter was launched. This is distributed to some 800 publishers and booksellers in India. This year sales have been good and there are plans to open branches in two or more cities in India.

The Bookshop at the main gate has been doing well and it is planned to enlarge the shop.

A few T.S. members responded to an appeal to act as local representatives to promote sales in their areas. More volunteers are being sought to disseminate the Divine Wisdom to the public through book sales.

R. GOPALARATNAM
Manager

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The year under report was rather a quiet one with the Centenary behind us. However, the wide publicity given to the work of the Library through various media which included a documentary on the television, not only increased the number of Readers and Borrowers but also gift of books and donations to some of the essential aspects of the work. The editing of the proceedings of the four colloquia organized with a grant from the Ford Foundation is progressing.

Staff

It is with regret we report the passing on 9 April 1988 of Miss C. Yamuna who voluntarily retired from the library service in August 1987 due to ill health. A meticulous and deeply devoted worker, the library will certainly miss her. While in service she prepared the Index to the Adyar Library Bulletin, vols. 42-50.

During the year Sri K. Sitharaman joined the staff in the publication section from July 1988 as a part-time worker. Sri S.A.S. Sarma, who was also appointed

in the publication section as a part-time worker from 3 October 1987, left our service on 9 October 1988 in order to study for his doctorate. He was helping in identifying some of the palmleaf MSS in Malayalam script. Our thanks to him for completing this work and also for transcribing some of the Colloquium tapes. Mrs Sonal Murali appointed as Assistant Librarian last year resigned due to family reasons. The library places on record its thanks for all her contribution to the work.

The Director and some of our staff in the Research Section participated in various conferences and seminars. Dr Kunjunni Raja, Director, participated in the Sanskrit Data-Base conference held at the Centre for Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, U.S.A. He has been working as a Senior Fellow of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research on a project 'Mīmāṃsa Philosophy of Language'. His brochure 'Mīmāṃsa Contributions to Language Studies' has been published from the

University of Calicut (1988). He is also co-operating with the Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts as an adviser in co-ordinating the work on manuscripts. He also participated in the following seminars during 1988: U.G.C. seminar on 'Indian Theories of Meaning' at Jaipur (March); Bhasamahotsava seminar at Trivandrum (April).

Dr. E.R. Sreekrishna Sarma also participated in a workshop on Nyaya in January 1988 organized by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, at the Mythic Society, Bangalore; besides a seminar on Vidyaranya in Warangal; and 'Science in Ancient India', Calicut University.

Both Dr. Kunjunn Raja, and Dr E.R. Sreekrishna Sarma also participated in the Seminar on 'Science in Ancient India' at the Calicut University, in January; the International Seminar on 'Moral Dilemma in the Mahabharata' at Simla in July; and a workshop on Nyaya at the Mythic Society, Bangalore, sponsored by the Indian Cultural and Philosophical Research of New Delhi.

Dr K. V. Sarma, who is engaged in preparing for the publication of a Descriptive Catalogue of Astronomy Manuscripts in the library's collection, also participated and attended many seminars and conferences such as: 'Preservation of Manuscripts' organized by Nagarjuna Buddhist Foundation, Gorakhpur; 'Kerala Astronomy' arranged by the International Centre of Kerala Studies and Trivandrum Observatory, Trivandrum; 'Science in Ancient India', at Calicut University; Workshop on 'Rare Buddhist Text Projects', Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi; 'Bhasamahotsavam', Trivandrum, and Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Kerala University.

He also presented various research papers on different occasions on subjects such as: 'Observational Astronomy in Medieval India: Varahamihira, Aryabhata, and Bhaskara I, Their contribution to Indian Astronomy and Mathematics', 'Moral Nuggets from *Mahābhārata*'; Indian Manuscriptology—Variant readings and Text reconstruction Canons of textual criticism in Medieval India'; and 'Early Indian Technology in Modern Science'.

Publications

Lalitasahasranāma, a Stotra work of Bhāskararāya with text, commentary and translation, the copyright of which was transferred to the Library by the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, was reprinted during the year under report; also the text of the Śaiva Upanishads, Adyar Library General Series No. 9.

The Library also published *Rasakalikā* of Rudrabhatta, a work on poetics with translation and studies by Mrs Kalpagam Sankaranarayanan, in the Adyar Library Series No. 117, for which the Government of India has agreed to pay as grant of the printing charges. Volume 2 of the *Daśopaniṣads* is being revised by Dr Sankaranarayanan based on a fresh MS.

During the year attractive jackets have been printed for the library publications to give a better look to the books.

Still in the Press are: *Udāraraghāva*, a poetical work by Prof K. Venkatacharyya of Toronto University, and Amarakośa, Vol. I, for reprinting through offset process. The Adyar Library Bulletin for 1987, a special volume to felicitate Dr Ludo Rocher on his completing sixty years, was released in December 1987.

The Bulletin has 110 subscribers, 125 exchanges and 18 Life Members.

Services Rendered

During the year, photocopies (using Xeroxing machine) of: 130 paper MSS and transcripts totalling 5701 frames; 1626 frames from 36 palmleaf MSS; 18948 frames from books and journals; 1528 frames of documents and archival materials; 159 frames from Colloquium; and 436 frames for library's own use were supplied. Microfilms of one palm-leaf Manuscript and four Transcripts were supplied to research scholars.

Repair and Preservation

In the binding section 733 books, including laminated books and pamphlets were repaired and bound; 272 volumes of journals were bound in the Vasanta Press.

In the Laminating Section 12 vols of *The Theosophist*, 10 volumes of the *Commonweal*, 3 paper MSS, 7 books and one map were laminated; 182 palm-leaf MSS were repaired and 378 were cleaned, stringed and covered with masonite boards.

Acquisition and Cataloguing

During the year under report 2241 books were added to the Library's collection of which 825 are still to be catalogued. Out of these 128 costing Rs. 12,768 were purchased, fifty per cent of which was received as grant from Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Calcutta; 25 through special allotment, from the Theosophical Society; 40 were on exchange with the Adyar Library Bulletin; and the rest were gifts.

Our grateful thanks are due to: Dr Neela Sundaram, 521 books; Mr K.R.K. Naidu, 154; Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney Bookshop, Australia 142 (new books); Dr A. Kannan, 135; Mr J. Clarke, 106; President's Office 106; Ganganatha Jha, Kendriya Vidyapitha, Allahabad, 66; Mr

Venkata-Subramaniam, 48; Mr K.N. Venkataraman, 45; Miss Tjioe Siang Nio, 42 Dutch books; Mr N. Krishnan and Mr M. Christopher, 33 each; The Theosophist office, 31; International Secretary's Office, 28; Mr K. Visvanathan, 28; 48 Tamil books from various authors through the Ministry of Education, New Delhi; and others, less than 25 books.

Our thanks are also to the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, for 66 books, reprints and new titles; The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, for 32 Quest Books.

Manuscripts

During the year under report 5 palm-leaf manuscripts were presented to the library by Mr B. S. Sugavanam, Madras.

We are glad to announce that all the palmleaf manuscripts presented in recent years have been scrutinized and catalogued.

There only remain the transcripts and photocopies from Dr Raghavan's collection to be scrutinized.

Works Used

The Library has 640 Readers, 305 Borrowers from the city, and 101 resident borrowers. 5395 MSS and 43031 books were consulted in the library, and 5395 books and one MS were loaned out.

Research Scholars

About 85 research fellows from several Universities used the library for their research in various subjects. Those from India were about 65. Among the overseas scholars mention may be made of: Dr K. P. Aithal, Heidelberg, Germany; Prohmsuam V. Samehai, Mahachula Buddhist University, Bangkok, Thailand; Kamala Visvesvaran, Stanford University, U.S.A.; Miss Lalitha Gopalan, University of Rochester; Dr G. L. Beck,

University of Syracuse; Ms B. Chrystall, Oxford University; Dr H. Daniel Smith, Syracuse University; Ms J. Fruchter, Athens College of Arts, Greece; Ms E. W. Gries, University of Pennsylvania; Dr Robert C. Lester, Prof. Dept of Religious Studies; Dr W. Slaje, Graz, Austria; Ms Shanto Gariglio, California University; Ms C. Wilhelmsen, Copenhagen University; and Mrs Gowolf, University of Bayreuth.

Visitors

The number of visitors drawn from various strata of society to see the unique collection of the library continues to increase. Special mention may be made of: Rev. Bhadant Jnana Jagat of Buddha Gaya; Mr Sivaraj Bahadur Shastri, Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapitha, Allahabad; Mr V. Gregoria, President, New York Public Library, New York; Dr and Mrs Rocher, Professor of Sanskrit,

and Chairman of South Asian Studies respectively of University of Pennsylvania; Mr Strawsson, Professor of Philosophy, Oxford University; and Professor W. J. Archer, University of Minnesota.

Donations

The Adyar Library Endowment Fund is now about Rs. 1,700,000. We would like to increase it considerably in order to make the library self-supporting and buying more books and equipment, as well as increasing the staff in the publication and other sections with better qualified personnel.

So while thanking all those who have donated generously in the past, we appeal to all members, sympathizers, and other friends to help us in making the library a truly fitting memorial to our President-Founder Col. H.S. Olcott.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN
Librarian

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

The October-December 1987 session of the School of the Wisdom attracted nearly forty students from seven countries—U.S., England, Germany, France, Australia, Nigeria and India. Mr Rohit Mehta, Director of the School, dwelt extensively on the theme 'Theosophy—the unknown but not the unknowable', including the evolution of consciousness beyond the mind, and the unknown factors in eastern and western philosophies, science and religion as well as in modern Theosophy. He dwelt on the purity, radiance and indestructibility of the Self and of our miraculous power of transformation and how to free ourselves from the empirical world.

The January-March 1988 session of the School of the Wisdom was attended

by thirtysix participants from sixteen countries. Some of them could attend only part of the period. The session also featured a Special Study course January 4-15 by Miss Ianthe Hoskins (England) on the 'Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy' which drew an attendance of over sixty persons, some of whom had stayed on after the convention; a special weekend course February 19-21 by Mr Achyut Patwardhan on the teachings of J. Krishnamurti titled 'The Flowering of Goodness' was attended by some fifty persons.

The Director of the School, the International Vice-President Mr Surendra Narayan presented a series on the Pathway to Enlightenment.

Mrs Seetha Neelakantan, Dr A. Kannan,

Professor S.R. Swaminathan, Mr N.C. Ramanujachary, Mr Conrad Jamieson and Mr Baden Offord each presented a series covering a wide range of theosophical subjects.

In addition to the presentation of varied aspects of the perennial wisdom by a faculty of seven members, there were seven guest speakers, two of them from the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras. Seven of the participants

presented papers in different subjects. The session was also marked by extensive discussion.

The Theosophical World Trust for Education, England, made a generous donation to the School for the purchase of an overhead projector and screen. It has become a valued teaching aid in the School.

CONRAD JAMIESON
Secretary

T. S. ARCHIVES

The Archives Department is temporarily closed except for urgent work in preparation for expansion into newly-renovated quarters in the Headquarters Building, which will provide more extensive display

and storage space and a larger area for preservation work.

The Archives and Museum will in the future be one department as originally envisaged by Colonel Olcott.

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

As early as 1894, the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society, Colonel H.S. Olcott, pioneered a movement for the education of the most underprivileged sections of Indian society by establishing several 'Panchama' (Harijan) schools in and around Madras, under the management of the Olcott Harijan Free Schools. The teachers were Theosophists who had rejected the system of caste and untouchability. After Colonel Olcott's death in 1907, the Theosophical Society's main school for the underprivileged was renamed in his honour as the Olcott Memorial School. The Theosophical Society has set apart for the school 175 grounds of land in a very fine location on its campus and has constructed buildings and sheds the value of which is over Rs. 20 lakhs. All expenditure in excess of grant-in-aid received at

present from the Tamil Nadu Government is met by the Society. Free midday meals to all children was introduced in the school decades before the scheme was launched by the State Government. Free books, clothes and so forth are also given by us to a large number of students. Support is received in various ways from the worldwide membership of the Society.

The school is now managed by the Olcott Education Society which is a successor to the Board of Managers, Olcott Harijan Free School run under the auspices of the Theosophical Society. At present the school has a strength of 830 students and 25 staff.

Nearly a score of promising boy students are given free board and lodging in the H.P.B. Hostel for boys. This hostel was founded in 1971 as a memorial

to our great founder Mme H.P. Blavatsky. Students of the Olcott Memorial School who have potential abilities but lack facilities for development owing to their poor home conditions are admitted. All the basic needs are provided including food, clothing, shelter and school expenses. The boys living in the hostel are sponsored by individual T.S. members and by Lodges in various countries.

In December 1988 a new Craft Centre was opened by the Governor of Tamil Nadu with six well-equipped classrooms through a generous donation of a Swiss member of the T. S. Mrs A. Eichenberger.

THEOSOPHY / SCIENCE REPORT, 1988

The Silver Jubilee Souvenir was released by Mrs Radha Burnier during the International Convention of the T.S. in December 1987. The Souvenir has been very well received widely as reported in the Bulletin. An economy edition is now available. The Bulletin was published in all the six issues during the year. We have announced the changed title of our journal as *Holistic Science and Human Values*, the first issue of which will be available as a quarterly in

February 1989.

It will equip the students, selected for their aptitude to become self-employable, and citizens with the right attitude, skills and values.

As the Olcott Education Society is engaged in the promotion of education of the underprivileged, it was decided to engage in social welfare, upliftment and family welfare, which are essentially a prelude to their education and take over the activities of the Olcott Welfare Society. The memorandum of association has been amended and it is proposed to take over the activities of the Social Welfare Centre shortly.

February 1989.

A Symposium on Modern Science and Intuitive Knowledge was held on 13 March 1988 organized by the Delhi Theosophical Federation and a Seminar on Wisdom in Holistic Science and Humanist Technology was held at the Sanatana Dharma Sabha, Surat on 3-4 September 1988. Several scientists, Theosophists and others took part.

DR A. KANNAN

THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

The T.O.S. is a world-wide organization with a proud record of service to the underprivileged and weaker sections of humanity as well as animal welfare work for the last eighty years. It was founded by Dr Annie Besant in 1908 to enable T.S. members to help charities through a corporate body. It serves all without distinction of race, creed, sex and nationality and helps to implement the first object of the T.S., namely Brotherhood.

The T.O.S., though not officially a part of the T.S., has a direct bearing on the work of the Society and many of its members actively participate in its humanitarian work. The true Theosophist lives not for himself but for the world. Membership of the T.O.S. is open not only to all T.S. members but also to all those who believe in the oneness of life and subscribe to its objects of alleviating misery and pain.

It is exciting to see how the T.O.S. has

acted as a channel for world-wide co-operation. For example the British Section Chairman, Madge Hooper, reports that the Boys Towns in India are helping orphan and vagrant children to become self-reliant citizens by imparting vocational education. A mere 20 pence a day can feed, clothe, educate and train a boy, she says. Plans are afoot to spread this work to Africa, Mexico, Thailand and South America where thousands of abandoned children roam the streets begging and stealing.

In Australia during 1988 T.O.S. groups were giving active support to Life Education Centres in drug prevention programmes. Continued support was extended to many Animal Welfare Organizations. They are also concerned with the export-import trade of protected birds and support the work of the Bird Protection League of New South Wales. A Buddhist Orphanage in Chittagong, Bangladesh was helped. Another activity is work with the Refugee Council of Australia and AUSTCARE (Australians Care for Refugees).

The T.O.S. is engaged in a variety of relief in East and Central Africa. In Kenya, activities in the capital city of Nairobi include regular food distribution and visits to charitable homes for the aged, children and disabled. In Zambia the T.O.S. is running public speaking classes and competitions for senior school children. Several groups in Tanzania are working with schools, the Heart Foundation, and distributing blankets to the poor.

In France, the T.O.S. is engaged in social work, with visits and psychological help to sick and lonely people, either

in hospitals or at home. Assistance continues for medical dispensaries in India, Africa and Poland; also scholarships in India and Nepal and donations to clinics and nurseries in India.

Through 85 groups, the T.O.S. in India renders a wide variety of service, especially drought relief and help to earthquake victims in Bihar. Healing camps at Patna, Varanasi and Bangalore were organized in collaboration with the White Rose Foundation of England. Care for children through distribution of milk and nutrition programmes are among the projects taken up in several areas. Several eye camps were held for performing free cataract operations. At Adyar, members are associated with the Social Welfare Centre which provides amenities for the children of nearby slum dwellers. To mark its 80th anniversary the T.O.S. in India brought out an attractive Souvenir.

In the Philippines, the T.O.S. is engaged in an on-going Self-Reliance Programme for the underprivileged and help to former prisoners to rehabilitate themselves in society.

The T.O.S. in Switzerland is active in sponsoring refugees from Asia. Other activities include visits to aged persons, raising funds for animal welfare and contributing to protection of the environment. Help was extended to the H.P.B. Boys' Hostel for underprivileged children at Adyar.

The foregoing is only a cross-section of the wide range of services rendered by the T.O.S. around the world.

MR C. SESHADRI

International Secretary, T.O.S.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1988

National Sections (Active)		40	Section		No. of Lodges	No. of Members
Presidential Agencies (Active)		6				
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35 (c)		2	26.	Ireland (North)	3	44
Total Lodges and Study Centres		1,112	27.	Ireland, Rep. of		No Report
Total Membership 1987		32,566	28.	Italy	47	1,148
Total Membership 1988		31,392	29.	Malaysia	3	80
(does not include membership in seven Sections and seven Lodges attached to Adyar which have not sent reports)			30.	Mexico	24	280
			31.	Netherlands	18	739
			32.	New Zealand	16	1,734
			33.	Norway	5	61
			34.	Pakistan		No Report
			35.	Philippines	13	323
			36.	Portugal	12	275
			37.	Puerto Rico	2	131
			38.	Scotland	6	140
			39.	Spain	14	347
			40.	Sri Lanka	8	106
			41.	Sweden	7	223
			42.	Switzerland	5	99
			43.	U.S.A.	154	5,366
			44.	Uruguay	6	85
			45.	Venezuela	2	35
			46.	Wales	3	63
			47.	Yugoslavia	3	47
Lodges attached directly to Adyar						
			1.	Bangladesh	1	46
			2.	Cameroun		No Report
			3.	Dominican Republic		No Report
			4.	Hong Kong		No Report
			5.	Israel	1	33
			6.	Japan		No Report
			7.	Korea		No Report
			8.	Peru	1	39
			9.	Singapore	1	66
			10.	Suriname		No Report
			11.	Fellows at Large	—	21
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			Total		1,112	31,392
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REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES, REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, FEDERATION SECRETARIES, ETC.

(Where necessary, reports have been translated,
edited or condensed.)

The inspiring highlight of the East and Central African Section was the visit of our International President, Mrs. Rutha Burrier, to Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire in March 1988. They had busy programmes at Mutinda, Nairobi and Kisumu in Zaire, and at Nairobi, Kampala, Kigali, Kigoma, Kigali, Kigali and Kisumu. For Zaire and Rwanda, this was the first visit of our International President. Besides the members' meetings, public lectures were arranged at all the places, and attendance was very encouraging.

Zambia Lodges held the Regional Conference at Mutinda 12-13 March. When Mrs. Rutha Burrier was guest speaker. The theme of the conference was 'World Peace'. Kenya Lodges held a Regional Study Seminar 26-27 March on 'Foundation of Eastern Philosophy' conducted by Mrs. Burrier. About 30 members from different Lodges in Kenya participated in the seminar.

On behalf of the I.O.S. Durugodiam, Mrs. Burrier presented five bicycles to disabled persons, and a cheque of Shs. 11,000 to the Tanzania Heart Foundation. In Kenya she presented five spinning wheels to disabled mothers of disabled at Nakuru.

This year we had maximum cooperation from the local press which printed many articles and Watch-Tower columns. The *Thompsonian* with photos of the President and her entourage, and the *Kenya Times* with photos of the President and her entourage. Several Lodges conducted study classes on various ideological books.

Some of the Lodges in our Section carry out a wide variety of I.O.S. activities. Bro. Reuben Thuku, our National Lecturer, visited all the Lodges and main towns of Kenya giving talks and taking study classes of 5 to 10 lessons. He also gave talks at educational institutions and addressed public meetings. A new school has started. The support comes under the supervision of the local Lodges after having been inspired by the talks of Bro. Reuben Thuku.

An important event of the year was the association of a part of the lodge members by Kiser Lodge from the A.I.S. Council held sometime over lunch. Mrs. Rutha Burrier led the commemorative prayer for the building and planted a pine tree.

Mrs. KIPAN H. SHAH
General Secretary

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The inspiring highlight of the East and Central African Section was the visit of our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier accompanied by the General Secretary for France, Madame Francoise Caracostea. After visiting West African countries of Ivory Coast, Liberia, Ghana, Togo, Congo and Zaire they visited our Section for 16 days from 11th March 1988. They had busy programmes at Mufulira, Ndola and Kitwe in Zambia, at Dar-es-salaam in Tanzania and at Nairobi, Nakuru and Mombasa in Kenya. For Zambia and Tanzania, this was the first visit of our International President. Besides the members' meetings, public lectures were arranged at all the places and attendance was very encouraging.

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On behalf of the T.O.S., Dar-es-salaam, Mrs Burnier presented five tricycles to disabled persons, and a cheque of Shs. 51,000 to the Tanzania Heart Foundation. In Kenya she presented five spinning wheels to different institutes of disabled at Nakuru.

This year we had maximum cooperation from the local press which printed a number of articles and Watch-Tower Notes from *The Theosophist* with photos of our International President. Her visit to Kenya was elaborately covered by the press, including her public lectures.

Most of the Lodges hold one weekly meeting except at Nairobi, Dar-es-salaam and Kitwe where two separate meetings are held, one in English and other in Gujarati / Hindi. Dar-es-salaam Lodge also holds a third ladies meeting every week in Gujarati. Several Lodges conduct study classes on various theosophical books.

Some of the Lodges in our Section carry on a wide variety of T.O.S. activities.

Bro. Reuben Thuku, our National Lecturer, visited all the Lodges and main towns of Kenya giving talks and taking study classes of 5 to 10 lessons. He also gave talks at educational institutions and addressed public meetings. A few schools have started Theosophical Units under the supervision of the local Lodges after having been inspired by the talks of Bro. Reuben Thuku.

An important event of the year was the acquisition of a plot for lodge premises by Kitwe Lodge from the City Council just opposite civic centre. Mrs Radha Burnier laid the commemorative copper plaque for the building and planted a pipal tree.

MR KIRAN H. SHAH
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

The Annual Convention was held in Durban with the theme, 'Understanding the Truths of the Spiritual Life'. This proved a very popular theme which evoked much enthusiastic discussion.

The Lodges report sustained activity with well attended meetings due to their interesting, varied and informative programmes. The members have shown a great enthusiasm in their work. Cape

Town Lodge building is likely to be proclaimed a National Monument because of its historical associations.

Harare Lodge, although still having communication difficulties, manages to meet once a month. There is evidence of more young people becoming interested in Theosophy.

MR ARTHUR BUNTON
General Secretary

AMERICA, CENTRAL

No report

ARGENTINA

Branches have held numerous public lectures and extensive courses both in Paraguay and Argentina. Far-away members receive monthly study course notes and non-member inquirers may also receive course material of a simpler nature. The Centenary of *The Secret Doctrine* was celebrated for several months. The Section magazine continues. Theosophy has been featured on inland broadcasts. The books, *Gayatri* (I. K. Taimni), *Science and Occultism* (I.K.T.), *Dharma* (Annie Besant), *Seek the Path* (Rohit Mehta), and *Meditation, Its Practice and Results* (Clara Codd)

translated into Spanish have been published, jointly with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation.

The National Council is preparing material to guide members towards self-realization thus to change the quality of their lives. The Section continues to participate in the Summer School and Congress of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. The total of 561 members comes from 25 branches and nine study groups.

MR MANUEL FARINICH
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

The Annual Convention consisted of lectures, workshops and social activities. Professor John Algeo of U.S.A. was the guest speaker ably supported by Gordon Limbrick of Canada and Richard Silberstein from Melbourne along with other speakers and workshop leaders from the Lodges within the Section.

The T.O.S. held a forum with a five-speaker panel on the subject of Holistic Healing—a Future Direction? This drew a large crowd from the general public.

The members of the Round Table performed the ceremony of Light.

The General Secretary visited several Lodges. The National Lecturer, Miss

Shirley Macpherson toured the south-eastern Lodges. Professor John Algeo toured the Section after Convention. Miss Ianthe Hoskins also toured the Section. Many other lecturers assisted in this section of the work.

There were two issues of a new journal, *T. S. Youth Wave* which features articles and ideas of young members. The

magazine, *Theosophy in Australia* appears quarterly. Most of the articles are contributed by members.

The Lodges have been maintaining busy schedules of lectures, study groups and discussions. Membership has increased by 83 to 1,357.

MISS DIANNE KYNASTON
General Secretary

AUSTRIA

No report

BELGIUM

The four Lodges in Brussels held weekly public lectures on theosophical subjects, attendance averaged 40 persons; the fortnightly study classes averaged about 30. Subjects studied were *The Key to Theosophy* by H.P.B. *Tradition and Revolution* by J. Krishnamurti; Meditation and preparation for it, and Astrology. 450 programmes of activities were distributed monthly consisting of three pages of T.S. news, thoughts and writings of sages, philosophers, mystics etc. There is a good demand for theosophical books. Three of the provincial Lodges also sent out a similar programme.

Activity has been renewed in the Flemish Lodge in Antwerp by the new

young President and his wife with assistance from members of the Dutch Section.

The annual 'Landdag', a day of study and friendship was held in Holland bringing together the Flemish members and those of the Southern Netherlands.

Some of the French speaking members attended the Summer School of the Latin countries in Italy, others attended the mini-European School of Theosophy in Paris.

Membership has dropped from 150 to 138 in spite of all the faithful, enthusiastic work. Half of those attending lectures are non-members.

DR H. VAN DER HECHT
General Secretary

BRAZIL

The highlight of the year was the move of the Section Headquarters into newly-built premises in the very heart of the nation's capital Brasilia. This has been accomplished with the energy and support of a large number of dedicated members from the city and also co-operation of members from all over the country.

In the nation-wide elections held in July 1988 Mr Ulisses Riedel de Resende was elected the General Secretary. The Section, together with the Lodges, programmed activities in several cities to commemorate the centenary of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine*.

Our ninth Summer School was held in January 1988 which dealt with modern

issues in the light of Theosophy. The 12th Annual Seminar on Science and Theosophy was held in July. Both were attended by a good number of members and non-members.

Besides 37 active Lodges, we have seven study groups, two of which are likely to become Lodges in the near future. A heartening feature is the active participation of young members in several Lodges and cities. Various Lodges have

been conducting paid courses which have contributed in maintaining our activities.

A distinguished visitor was Miss Joy Mills last March who delivered a series of talks in five cities to large audiences.

The official magazine *O Teosofista* and a bimonthly newsletter continue to be distributed to the members.

MR ULISSES RIEDEL DE RESENDE
General Secretary

BURMA

Membership of the Section registered an increase of 12 during the year bringing the total to 100 in seven Lodges. The Olcott Lodge in Rangoon is the main centre of the Society's activities where regular theosophical lectures are arranged every Saturday. In addition, all T.S. anniversaries are observed. The Youth Lodge in Rangoon is also active, its members helping in the Section Library. As books could not be imported during the year, some second hand books were purchased locally. Journals sent by several Sections, India, England, U.S.A.,

Canada and Krotona are very welcome.

The Annual Convention held in September in Rangoon was well attended. Over sixty members, families and friends participated followed by a vegetarian luncheon.

There has been a change in General Secretary—U Tin Hlaing being the unanimous choice to succeed U Maung Gyi, who retired due to ill health after many years of dedicated work in the Section.

U TIN HLAING
General Secretary

CANADA

The Lodges are active with lectures and studies. The Toronto Lodge has purchased a building and set up its large library. It should progress now that it has a settled home.

Miss Joy Mills of the Krotona Institute, Ojai, as guest of the section, lectured to the Western Lodges and

Toronto. Also Rex Duta and Jean Coulsting of England lectured at some of the Western Lodges. Our greatest strength lies in Alberta and Columbia.

The Section Headquarters has moved to a cottage a few miles out of Burk's Falls.

MR S. L. TRELOAR
General Secretary

CHILE

At the annual meeting of the Section held in July 1988 Mr Mauricio Froimovich S. was re-elected General Secretary. Theosophical work in Chile is centred in

the cities of Santiago and Valparaiso. In Santiago, public meetings are held every Saturday from March to December, covering a variety of theosophical and

allied subjects. A monthly session is also held devoted exclusively to discussion, with a view to clarify diverse issues through a frank exchange of views.

During the summer season, members' meetings are held when they give talks and develop confidence in public speaking.

An advanced course on Theosophy was conducted during the year. The library in Santiago is open to the public twice a week. The Section journal, *Chilean*

Theosophical Review, is published every quarter.

The Spanish edition of *At the Feet of the Master* is in good demand. A third edition of a thousand copies was sold out during the year and a fourth edition is under print. Mrs Perla Ramirez has translated several theosophical books into Spanish.

There has been an increase in membership.

MR MAURICIO FROIMOVICH S.
General Secretary

COLOMBIA

All the Lodges have been active paying special attention to the comprehension members must have both in regard to the teachings as well as the task of spreading the message of Theosophy. The Sunday public lectures are well attended by members and visitors. Cassettes of these lectures are sent to the country Lodges

for study.

The journal *Selection Teosofica* is published monthly and distributed free to members and to other Spanish-speaking Sections.

MR GABRIEL BURGOS S.
General Secretary

CUBA

The 83rd Annual Convention of the Cuban Section was held January 15-17, 1988 with the theme 'Man, his personality, mind and consciousness'. With musical interludes, video and lively discussions, it was a successful fraternal gathering.

Lectures and studies of theosophical books continue in the Lodges as in earlier years. The theosophical memorial days were celebrated as usual.

DR LUIS MANUEL CELEMA DELGADO
General Secretary

DENMARK

Public lectures are held on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

A Lodge in Copenhagen was dissolved and a Study Centre formed in Aarhus bringing the total of Lodges to fifteen and Centres two. Books and cassettes are loaned and sold.

C. W. Leadbeaters's book *Invisible*

Helpers was reprinted and nine issues of the journal *Teosofia* were issued. Membership rose to 652.

The new General Secretary Mr Hardy Bennis was elected in April 1988 for a three-year term.

MR HARDY BENNIS
General Secretary

ENGLAND

It was a year of centenaries—of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine* and of the founding of the British Section.

Total membership of the English Section is now 1,600, a decrease of 63 from 1987. Among 28 who died was Miss Marion Caws, a long-standing dedicated member who had held responsible positions in Australia, Adyar, and London.

The various Federations arranged special events, day seminars, lectures and contacted local and national newspapers to publicize the Centenary of *The Secret Doctrine*.

The Annual Convention and European Congress was held July 29-August 5, when the Guest of Honour, Dr Radha Burnier, gave the Blavatsky Lecture entitled 'The Universal Yoga Tradition' and a public lecture in London on 'The Problem of Peace'. Of the 270 participants at the European Congress, 200 were from thirty countries. Discussion groups were conducted in six languages and were led by the younger members.

At the British Convention there were lively discussions on the future of the Society and how to move towards the year of 2000. The spiritual importance of Adyar was continually stressed.

T.P.H. London brought out a new book *A Student's Companion to Patanjali* by Roger Worthington, and co-operated with East-West Publications (UK) Ltd.

to publish a new biography of H.P. Blavatsky entitled *Blavatsky and Her Teachers* by Jean Overton Fuller. Business in the retail shop, now known as the Quest Bookshop, increased fifty per cent over the year. Borrowings of books, cassettes and videos from the Library registered an increase.

A superb video film on the early life of Annie Besant was made by the B.B.C. Filming for some of the scenes took place at our headquarters, and included use of some of our archival material.

The Theosophical History Centre held a highly successful annual conference at Headquarters, including papers read in person by researchers from Australia, U.S.A. and Europe.

Although membership of the T.O.S. remained fairly static around 130, their generosity and that of a number of T.S. Lodges has enabled us to take on seven new charities without neglecting those supported previously.

In a wider context we have been trying to intermesh more closely the network of spiritual fellow travellers, taking similar paths to truth, and establishing closer contact with them.

DR HUGH GRAY
General Secretary

FINLAND

The centenary of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine* was highlighted in the work of the Finnish Section during 1988. The Summer School featured the theme: 'The Secret Doctrine, the Universe and Us' and drew over a hundred participants although only about

50 stayed during the whole time. There were eight lectures and group work. A group of members joined the Centenary celebration in England, and our journal *Teosofi* took it into consideration.

Another highlight of the year was a weekend seminar on *Light on the Path*

by Mrs Radha Burnier, International President, attended by a large gathering of over a hundred members and friends. Her visit and seminar were very much appreciated.

The Annual Convention held at Kreivila in the end of May 1988 was attended by about 100 members. Prisma Lodge who hosted it created a warm and harmonious atmosphere so that the theme of the gathering 'Nearness' really came into being.

On 20th October 1987 there was the happy occasion of the reopening of the Library which had been under renovation for about two years. The library has books in four languages: Finnish, English, Swedish and German.

Membership totalled 471 in 20 active Lodges and three study groups. On 24-9-1988, the study group at Tornio in northern Finland with 12 young members was established as a new Lodge named 'Damodar'. Public lectures were given in 18 cities by 32 members from different Lodges, about 20 of them travelling to different parts of the country.

For about fifteen years we have been

organizing a 'From Summer to Autumn Weekend' in Kreivila to mark the start of the autumn. The programme contained a few lectures and some recreation. The main thing is to be together.

Our Section journal *Teosofi* is issued ten times a year, and we distribute to Lodges and study groups a Newsletter ten times a year.

Publications included *Introduction to Yoga* by Annie Besant (reprint), *The Foundation of Esoteric Philosophy* by H.P. Blavatsky/Ianthe Hoskins, and a pamphlet *Clairvoyance and Serpentfire* by Geoffrey Hodson. The two study books for *The Secret Doctrine* video cassettes 'Time, Space and Motion' and 'The Cyclic Evolution of the Universe' were also translated and published. Another publication was *The Gospel of Peace by the Esseans* by Dr Ed. B. Szekely.

A committee of four members was formed to gather material for a new history of the T.S. in Finland; the last one was made some fifty years ago.

MRS KYLLIKKI VUORINEN
General Secretary

FRANCE

Regular Lodge and public meetings have been held and weekly courses on Theosophy have proved popular. A course on the different religions has also been presented.

The School of Theosophy in October was conducted by Miss Ianthe Hoskins. A day seminar for the centenary of *The Secret Doctrine* was attended by members from Paris and Brittany. A group of 45 members attended the European Congress in England.

The General Secretary accompanied the International President Mrs Radha

Burnier on a tour of the French and some English speaking sections in Africa. The contact with the members was very rewarding to both parties.

A study course is sent to all new members for the first three years of their membership. The magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* has a wide distribution to members, subscribers in France and also to Belgium and Switzerland. The Section participated in two book exhibitions.

This year, we lost a lot of members, partly because we asked people being only interested in a guru named Ram

Chandra, not to renew their fees if they were not interested in Theosophy also. The Headquarters is not a place where they can meet just to receive the instructions of their guru, therefore many of them left. In some African countries it is impossible to send money out of the country, and a lot of African members did not send their fees. When they

write to us, explaining the reason, we consider, though not paying they are still members, but when they do not write, we do not know if it is for economic reasons or a loss of interest. So they are not put on our yearly list.

MRS FRANCOISE CARACOSTEA
General Secretary

GERMANY, WEST

The German Summer School held in St. Martins with the theme 'What it means to be Free' was well attended. Three younger members conducted studies on meditation.

The second German-speaking School of Theosophy held especially to train young people studied *The Voice of the Silence* with Mary Anderson. Anneliese Stephans led a study, 'The Sevenfold Nature of Man', and Gerda Hofer gave

instruction in Lodge work and public speaking.

The Lodges presented public lectures and some studied Dr Norbert Lauppert's book '*Die Einheit allen Lebens*' (The Unity of all Life).

During the year a new Lodge Hermes Trismegistos, was formed in Lebach-Steinbach. There were three issues of the magazine, *Adyar*, each of 1,000 copies.

MRS EVA MAAS
General Secretary

GREECE

No report

ICELAND

Public meetings were held in Reykjavik three times a month and in Akureyri twice monthly. Two special introductory meetings were held during the winter and also on Saturday afternoons. There were topic programmes followed by discussion. Meditation courses were held during the week. A successful Summer School attended by some forty members was con-

ducted by Mr Curt Berg of Sweden, now Treasurer at Adyar.

The Voice of the Silence translated into Icelandic by Sigvaldi Hjalmarrson was published in December. Membership has increased by 7 to 432.

MR JON L. ARNALDS
General Secretary

INDIA

Dissemination of theosophical teachings gained momentum during the year, and membership registered an increase of 148. Apart from the usual study camps and seminars held in different parts of

the country, the Delhi Federation organized a day-long symposium on 'Modern Science and Intuitive Knowledge' which attracted 150 scholars and several eminent scientists. The Gujarat Federation also

held a seminar on Theosophy-Science. The Theosophy-Science Group in India published an attractive souvenir to commemorate its Silver Jubilee with many scholarly contributions.

Two special issues of the *Indian Theosophist*, one on the *Yogavāsishtha and Its Philosophy* and another on *Mystic Experiences: Tales from the Yogavāsishtha*, were widely welcomed and lauded. Another special issue was for the Centenary of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine*. The Adyar Lodge published a Souvenir to mark the Centenary. It was very well received and copies were sold out in no time. Several books were published in Indian languages, especially Kannada and Bengali. A considerable number of books were distributed free to libraries and other bodies.

The Karnataka Federation launched a new programme of holding camps for children. The first camp evoked an encouraging response and several such camps are planned for the coming year.

The International President, Vice-President, the General Secretary and the four National Lecturers presided over various Federation annual conferences and conducted seminars and study camps in many cities.

The Theosophical Order of Service is active in several Federations, especially in Karnataka and Bengal.

A noteworthy event at the headquarters was a discourse given by H.H. the Dalai Lama, who also addressed the children and students in the campus. Another highlight was a week-long study camp at Varanasi on 'Life's Deeper Aspects' and 'The Dhammapada' conducted by Mrs Radha Burnier and the Ven S. Rinpoche, Director of the Central In-

stitute of Higher Tibetan Studies in Saranath and a life-member of the Indian Section.

The national lecturers, Dr A. Kannan, Dr S. Shankar Raju Naidu, Bro N. C. Ramanujachary undertook extensive tours and gave many lectures. The International President, Vice-President and myself also visited various Federations and Lodges and gave lectures. Bro. Surendra Narayan presided over the annual sessions of the Delhi, Kerala and Utkal Federations in addition to presiding over the South Indian Conference at Adyar during Easter. The theme of the conference was 'Action Centres of Theosophy'. I conducted study camps at Amravati, Delhi and Kanpur and lectured at Lodges in the Marathi, U.P., Karnataka, and M.P. and Rajasthan Federations. There were also very fruitful discussions with the workers on various aspects of T.S. work.

The Indian Section Headquarters has always been a centre of educational activities started by Mrs Annie Besant. The students going out had a special mark on their character and conduct. At present there are in the campus educational institutions from infant classes right up to degree classes for the girls with Honours Courses in several subjects.

The New Life for India Movement brings out a well-produced quarterly magazine, *Wake Up India* with useful and thought-provoking articles. Our members cannot remain unconcerned to the conditions prevailing in the country. There is greater need today than ever before for spreading, and living, the high ideals for which the Society stands.

DR C. V. AGARWAL
General Secretary

INDONESIA

Our 25th Annual Congress held 29-31 May 1988 was well attended with some 200 members and non-members present on the first day. A feeling of togetherness and brotherhood prevailed during the whole Congress. The theme 'Divine Wisdom—Principal Basis for the Wholeness of Man' was discussed in depth. Although the Congress marked the Silver Jubilee of the Section, the Theosophical Society has been known and flourishing in Indonesia since 1912 when the Netherlands Indies Theosophical Society was started under the Dutch colonial government.

The enthusiasm and unflinching perseverance of our senior members have kept the Society going in the prevailing difficult conditions. We are doing our best to attract sympathizers especially among the younger generation to take part in theosophical activities such as attending lectures, study groups, discussions, summer schools, etc. Only two Lodges have a youth section of their own, while others have only a few young members.

No summer school was held in 1988 owing to the lack of sponsorship from the Lodges, instead we celebrated the

Centenary of *The Secret Doctrine* on 29-30 March. About 30 members attended the celebration which included discussion and lectures on studying H.P.B.'s magnum opus. To commemorate the event we published two books: 100th Anniversary of the *Secret Doctrine*: 1888-1988 and an Indonesian translation of *The Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom* by Anna Kennedy Winner, the latter with aid from the N.E.P.F.

As a result of several meetings with the authorities, the Theosophical Society was recognized by the Directorate General of Culture along with six other spiritual organizations, whose teaching is acceptable to be further diffused in this country.

To intensify the translation of books, it has been suggested that a committee should be formed to select theosophical books that should be given priority, to issue leaflets or pamphlets for distribution among sympathizers, to preserve uniformity of terms used in translations, and to look for able translators among members.

MR H.M. SOESISWO
General Secretary

IRELAND

No report

ITALY

During the year we had 187 new admissions and the formation of 5 new Lodges. One Lodge has been dissolved and two Lodges united in one.

At the end of September the Italian Section consists of 1148 members in good standing, namely with a net increase of 79 members.

The 74th National Convention took place at Castrocara at the end of May with about 150 members. Mrs Audoin was our guest-speaker. The themes suggested by the members were 'The Centenary of the *Secret Doctrine*', 'H.P.B.'s thought and J. Krishnamurti' and 'Death in occultism and in the creative intuition'.

The third Theosophical Seminar was held at Jesolo (Venice) with about 25 participants. The theme was taken from the *Voice of the Silence*: 'The mind is the great slayer of the real; let the disciple slay the slayer'. The *Revista Italiana di Teosofia* was published regularly

during the year and had 960 subscribers, many of which are outside of the T.S.

The General Secretary visited and lectured in eight towns.

MR EDOARDO BRATINA

General Secretary

MEXICO

The Section had a successful year with membership rising by 50 to 280. Two Study Centres were converted to Lodges and three new Study Centres were formed making a total of 12 Lodges and 12 Study Centres. Two Round Table groups were formed.

The Education Department was very active. Copies of the Magazine *Unidad* were increased from 250 to 400 per issue; the monthly correspondence course was extended from 100 to 250 persons. The Correspondence Course Second Part is under preparation and three books are being considered for publication. Seven new titles of pamphlets in Spanish were published, totalling 35,000 copies. The

Caribbean Bulletin was edited and distributed to U.S.A., Mexico and Central America with assistance from Mr Ricardo Sasia in Miami. Brother Walter Ballesteros and Sister Olga Trucios have translated material into Spanish. The Spanish Section has agreed to collaborate with the Mexican Section for the distribution of books and other material.

The Summer School and two Regional Seminars were held. Juan Vinas and Esteben Langlois of Argentina visited the Section and gave lectures and seminars in several cities.

MR ISAAC E. JAULI DAVILA

General Secretary

NETHERLANDS, THE

The highlight of the year was the offering of the St Michael's Centre at Naarden to Mrs Radha Burnier as President of the T. S. and her acceptance of the offer with great happiness to make the Centre an integral and definite part of the worldwide theosophical work and of building and retaining it as a spiritual centre. On 16 July 1988, at a large gathering of friends and workers, Chairman Arend Heijbroek formally read the official announcement. It is now known as the International Theosophical Centre, Naarden.

The Dutch Section and the European Federation will integrate the Centre with their work. This will have a great influence on the work of the Dutch Section.

In July our General Secretary Paul Zwollo had to relinquish his office because of ill-health, and Dr Wim van Vledder was the unanimous choice to succeed him. Dr Vledder is well-known for his efficient leadership capacities, so the Section can look forward to a strengthening its work in the coming year.

Our Summer School was held in July with Joy Mills as guest speaker. More than 100 members and well-wishers attended, and the school was a great success. Two study week-ends were held during the year—Autumn week-end by Dr Harry Upadhyay on the Mahatma Letters, and the March week-end by Ianthe Hoskins

on *The Key to Theosophy*. Both were well attended.

Computerization is going apace at the Headquarters. Almost the whole council of our section attended the European Congress/Convention in England.

DR WIM VAN VLEDDER
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

The Annual Convention was highlighted by the presence of three overseas guest speakers: Geoffrey Farthing, Robert Ellwood and Gordon Limbrick. Each had a different approach which combined with the indigenous speakers presented a varied programme. The occasion was also the Centenary of the Wellington Lodge. The wholly renovated Lodge building and the hospitality given made it a memorable occasion. Complementing the Convention was the Family Camp attended by 42 people.

Five new study groups have been formed, four of which are in country areas. Training and small lodge week-ends have proved popular and the assistance of overseas lecturers proved invaluable. The Eastern Camp attended by 52 members had themes on both theoretical and practical Theosophy. The monthly afternoon meetings at Headquarters provide an opportunity for members who cannot attend night meetings.

Probing the Mysteries of Existence, a new introductory pamphlet by Jack Patterson is being translated into Spanish, Portuguese and Polish. The video and slide libraries are being expanded and are increasingly being used. Ten books are offered as a donation to the branch libraries. The Headquarters Library supplies a postal service to members where there are no Lodges. The Suitcase Bookshop has proved popular. Modern style books are offered to branches on a sell or return basis. This obviates the Lodges having capital tied up in stock, yet having a 10 per cent profit to cover costs.

An appeal for donations for the Day-Care Centre for malnourished children at Talayan in the Philippines raised \$ 500. In addition \$ 1,656 was sent to Adyar.

Membership is 1,734—an increase of 63—with 16 Lodges and five study groups.

MR W. W. JOHNSTONE
General Secretary

NORWAY

The Section has held monthly public lectures with visits by guest speakers from Sweden. *Time, Space and Motion* by Bhagavan Das was the subject of study by the study class. The book was trans-

lated into Norwegian. The new Section Journal *Teosofi i Norden* has been well received.

MISS AGNES GASEMYR
General Secretary

PHILIPPINES

The past year was devoted to intensification of theosophical work in the Philippines through training of workers and setting new directions and targets. A second course in Theosophy, covering basic theosophical principles, entitled 'Philosophy of Man' was started at the Arancta University, Metro Manila.

The *Philippine Theosophist* has been upgraded into a professional looking format in preparation for a public magazine titled *Theosophical Digest* to be published next year. The monthly *Newsletter* and the *T.O.S. Watcher* continue to be published regularly.

The Section has decided to undertake a long-term programme of establishing Theosophical Centres in various parts of the Philippines. These centres will be owned by the Section and shall have a library, bookshop and lecture hall. Book sales have increased. An IBM computer

was acquired and three paid staff were added. A Tagalog translation of *At the Feet of the Master* was published, funded by Adyar. Membership in the past year increased slightly to 323. A new study group was established in Roxas City. An eight-week introductory course on Theosophy conducted by the General Secretary was attended by more than twenty regular students. The T.O.S. continued to be active in cooperation with other groups and government agencies. Seven new T.O.S. centres were started during the year.

To establish a solid financial foundation for expanding T.S. work, the Philippine Theosophical Foundation undertook a successful fund-raising campaign. The Section continues its commitment to establish a solid base for theosophical work in the country.

MR VICENTE HAO CHIN, JR.
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

Theosophical work in Portugal progressed well during the year with public lectures and symposia at the Headquarters every fortnight and branch meetings every week as in earlier years. We also commemorated all T. S. anniversaries. The President of 'Pythagoras' Branch gave a general course on 'Kabbala, Bible and Theosophy' which interested a large public. Branch 'Annie Besant' organized a three-day symposium on 'Spiritual Values' open to other spiritual groups. It evoked a good response, with about 50

persons attending. It was a very fraternal gathering and its success has encouraged us to repeat this symposium in the coming year as well.

Many of our members attended the 11th Iberian Theosophical Week held in Spain. We had again difficulties with the publication of our magazine *Portugal Teosofico*. We could publish only one issue during the year. We now have a total of 279 members.

DR MARIA G. NOBRE SANTOS
General Secretary

PUERTO RICO

The section was fortunate to have a series of lectures from Mr Juan Vinas and Mr Vicente Langlois of Argentina and Miss Joy Mills of Krotona, U.S.A.

The General Secretary made several lecture tours of the Dominican Republic to assist in establishing new study groups and support the newly formed

Lodge, and lectured in New York and Venezuela.

The Section is assisting in organizing the fourth Seminar on Theosophy in this region. Conjointly a programme for a School of Theosophy for the Caribbean

Basin is being organized which will offer instruction for prospective theosophical workers in the region.

MR MIGUEL A. CHARNECO
General Secretary

SPAIN

The total number of members at present is 347. Five Lodges have been dissolved. During the last year we held general elections and made new rules for the Spanish Section which have been confirmed by the majority.

Some Lodges have only a few activities, but their members do important work in the theosophical spirit. Other Lodges have a variety of activities such as theosophical studies, Yoga, Astrology, public meetings and so on. The T.O.S. works with little money.

Three Lodges formed a separate group out of the Spanish Section. Although

the General Secretary and other brothers tried to advise them and get their collaboration, their efforts proved futile.

Now we are preparing new study material with video-tapes and audio-visual programmes.

Other activities included: nearly 170 members attended the Iberian Days gathering, organized by the Section in Bilbao; the Poblet Seminar attracted 25 members; and the Summer School in Vall Honesta was attended by 50 persons.

MR D. ANTONIO GUIRAO ROS
General Secretary

SRI LANKA

1988 was another year of difficult conditions in Sri Lanka, but we have fared reasonably well in the circumstances. We look forward with theosophical equanimity to a brighter future.

Our renovated Headquarters building is now in regular use. However, the rather unsettled conditions and consequent psychological reactions have resulted in a very noticeable drop in attendance.

Several Lodges hold meetings and render community service such as helping the handicapped and prisoners' families. A small group of members meet fortnightly to discuss, in depth, mental science. Individual members visit the sick in hospitals and also work as volunteers in non-government organizations which help to rehabilitate the weaker sections of our society.

MR EDMUND P. SILVA
General Secretary

SWEDEN

All six Lodges have been active with lectures on theosophical themes and also study groups on *The Voice of the Silence*, Yoga, The Beauty in Man and The

Secret Doctrine. The May mini-school in Stockholm was attended by 27 members. Lecturers were Mr Curt Berg and Hans Liljanstrom speaking on

Evolution. An interesting study tour was made to the Institute of Technology where the members were able to engage in several laser and holographic tests. Nine members attended the European Congress in England.

Study material was produced for *The*

Foundation of Theosophy and Voice of the Silence.

The Bookshop has been open 3 days a week and the magazine *Tidlos Visdom* produced. Membership is 225 members.

MRS ING-BRITT WIKLUND

General Secretary

SWITZERLAND

Regular lectures held in Geneva and Basle, also lodge meetings and a study course on Theosophy were well attended. A few members attended the Summer School in Germany and the European Congress in England. Danielle Audoin

(France) and Riki van der Hecht (Belgium) contributed to the programme of the A.G.M. making the occasion very beautiful and inspiring.

MISS ELIZABETH JENNY

General Secretary

U. S. A.

The Department of Education works in close liaison with the other departments. A three-year study programme emphasizing a systematic approach to the study of Theosophy and its relationship to living is being developed. In this scheme the expansion of field work is included. A new comprehensive Resource Guide has been produced. Video and audio tapes and slide sets are produced for loan or sale. Reorganization of the audio/video suite has improved facilities for production. Recent video productions include 'The Challenge of Living in the World as a Theosophist' by Helen Bee, and a five-part study, 'Fundamentals of the Ageless Wisdom' by Ed and Mary Abdill (both with study guides). The Correspondence Course programme is being reorganized. Radio and T.V. companies are becoming strongly interested in presenting our programmes.

Public lectures, seminars, classes and workshops have been held regularly at Olcott Headquarters. Monthly letters are

sent to new members. *The American Theosophist* magazine is to be published only bi-monthly in future and a new quarterly magazine, *The Quest* will replace the previous Special Issues.

The Publishing House reports that the dramatic increase in sales of last year has continued establishing a new records. Sales exceeded \$1,250,000, an increase of 12.4 per cent over last year. The Quiet Bookshop showed an increase of nine per cent. The all-time best seller is C.W.L.'s classic, *Chakras* with over 16,000 copies sold, a 23 per cent increase over the previous year. Six new Quest books are planned for 1989.

The Library acquired 650 new books and took over the video and audio cassettes from the Education Department. The prison newsletter *The Light Within* published quarterly was delivered to 1,049 inmates. Free audio cassettes, slightly damaged books and a copy of *At the Feet of the Master* are supplied to prisoners.

240 inmates have joined the Society. Books for prison libraries are donated free.

The Kern Foundation maintains its support which immeasurably benefits the work of the Society. The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind continues its work of producing theosophical litera-

ture in Braille. It is estimated 5,000 blind persons have access to our teachings.

Membership is 5,366 with 158 Lodges and study groups.

MRS DOROTHY ABBENHOUSE
General Secretary

URUGUAY

The new General Secretary, Mr Gorge Sabaj, has been busy re-organizing the work of the Section and the members are being encouraged to participate in the programme of work.

Miss Joy Mills (Krotona) visited the section. Her public lectures and addresses to members' meetings inspired seven members to attend the Argentinian Summer School where Miss Joy Mills gave a series of inspiring addresses.

Fortnightly public meetings are held and two members give a weekly twenty minutes radio talk. Although no magazine is published, a variety of pamphlets are issued covering a variety of subjects viewed in the light of Theosophy. The Library is well patronised and the theosophical commemorations are celebrated in due form.

MR GORGE SABAJ
General Secretary

WALES

Study courses are proving ever more popular and attendance at public meetings has increased. Membership remains at 63 in spite of the increased activity and support; obviously a need is being fulfilled for some people.

A very successful course to students of theology at the Lampeter College of the University of Wales has led to a request for a similar course in 1989.

MR R. M. PETERS
General Secretary

YUGOSLAVIA

The Yugoslav Section is being consolidated after the traumatic events of 1983-84 when two-thirds of the members dropped out. Only now have some of them recognized the bad influence of the New Acropolis who caused the disunion. The Section now consists of three Lodges and a group of members in Zagreb and Belgrade connected with the Lodge Service in Ljubljana.

The Section has 47 members. We lost a devoted and long-standing member and lecturer, Dr Leon Krevel during the year.

Lodge meetings discussed current articles by Mrs Radha Burnier, *Self Culture* by I. K. Taimni and *The Mahatma*

Letters to A.P. Sinnett. Miss Mary Anderson visited us twice and gave three public lectures which were well attended. She also talked to members and people interested in Theosophy in Ljubljana, Zagreb and Koper.

Steps are being taken to translate *Self-Culture* and *The Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy*. There was no Summer School during the year, but we held a three-day seminar in Koper, attended also by non-members.

We have revised the Section rules in line with the Adyar Rules and Yugoslav law.

MR ANTON JESSE
General Secretary

REPORTS OF PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

BOLIVIA

Lodge meetings were held weekly. The Lodge 'Paz' moved to premises in the Libertad Building as the previous building was destroyed three times by flood.

A three-day Summer School in Cochabamba in February drew an attendance of some sixty members. In La Paz,

the School was attended by forty members and some local people. The Vice-President of the Argentinian Section and the General Secretary of the Chilean Section also attended.

MR MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO
Presidential Agent

MALAYSIA

The three Lodges in Malaysia (at Seremban, Selangor and Penang) hold regular fortnightly/weekly meetings of members. In addition weekend retreats and workshops are conducted. The Selangor Lodge also conducts Bhagavad

Gita study classes weekly.

The Selangor and Seremban Lodges run Montessori schools for children of pre-school age.

MR S. NARAYANAN
Presidential Agent

PAKISTAN

No report

SCOTLAND

There has been a steady increase in membership since October 1987, twenty-nine members having joined either Glasgow or Edinburgh Theosophical Centres. All branches encourage enquirers to attend meetings for some time before taking the step of applying for membership.

Aberdeen continues to have ad hoc meetings at the University and is extending its small library with the addition of video tapes and new publications. These will be used for meetings, discussions and individual borrowing.

A Theosophical Society Exhibition was displayed in the Philosophy and Religion

Department of Glasgow's main Reference Library from January 20th to March 28th by the Glasgow Branch Librarian. This fine exhibition covered the Founders, the Objects, International Headquarters, Publications and Magazines, giving the people of Glasgow and visitors an opportunity to learn more about the theosophical movement.

The spring summer session has seen Glasgow Branch concentrating on members' meetings, which each week take some aspect of the Ancient Wisdom in an endeavour to bring together a group of harmonious workers dedicated to expanding the theosophical teachings in Glasgow.

The work of the Edinburgh Branch is threefold in structure. Firstly, a series of special programmes for the public and members: 'The Ancient Art of Healing', 'The Healing of the Spirit', 'Mystic Art', 'A Kirlean Experience', 'The Celtic Dream.' Secondly, Edinburgh has a weekly 'Groups Night', fulfilling the function of creating an atmosphere of friendship and brotherhood. The Forum of the Edinburgh Branch is often chosen on the night itself and open discussion ensues on a wide variety of subjects, the object always being to pursue the Divine Wisdom. The Blavatsky Branch (Scientific Group) and the Orient Branch (Astrological Group) also meet on this night to follow their own particular study. All these working groups come together at the end

of the evening to exchange views. Thirdly the Edinburgh Theosophical Centre sends visiting speakers to various other bodies.

In February the President of the Edinburgh Branch was invited to Edinburgh University to speak to students on Theosophy.

Particularly good relationships have been forged between the T.S. Centre and the University's School of Scottish Studies.

The Theosophical Video Education Unit has now produced some 37 talks on 15 video tapes for T.S. Libraries in Edinburgh, Glasgow and London.

Our unattached members in Scotland receive letters and 'Circles' magazine.

MRS MARGARET T. SENIOR
Presidential Agent

VENEZUELA

The two Lodges have held regular meetings and have overcome some internal problems. A welcome surprise visit by Brother Miguel Angel Charneco of Puerto Rico who addressed the Lodges and held talks with individual members

did much to help solve our problems.

The Society owns a building for its local activities, thanks to the generosity of several members.

MRS MARIA A. BONILLA
Presidential Agent

REPORTS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AFRICA, WEST

The year 1988 was eventful with the visit of the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, accompanied by Madame Francoise Caracostea, General Secretary of the French Section. Mrs Burnier gave several public lectures on Theosophy and meditation before large audiences as well as addressed members' study meetings, with many outstation members travelling long distances to meet her personally.

Her stimulating and inspiring talks made a serious impact on members and her visit served as a panacea to remove misunderstanding in some quarters of the Society as another form of church or religion. The most popular national newspaper of Ghana featured her visit prominently and she was interviewed by the Ghana News Agency, T.V. and radio. On the whole her visit was a resounding success.

The Organizing Secretary toured almost all the Branches and Centres in Ghana to prepare the ground for the President's visit. During May and August 1988, he and Mr Isaac K. Zaney gave public lectures in the Volta Region of Ghana.

The National Council appointed a committee to look for and acquire a ten-acre land outside Accra to be developed as a theosophical centre to host study camps, summer schools, etc.

The Annual Convention of the T.S. in West Africa was held during the Eastertide at Accra, Ghana. We gratefully acknowledge a sizable book donation from Adyar which has been distributed to various branches and centres. Also

during her visit the President gifted some books on behalf to the T.S. in West Africa to the University of Ghana and the Ghana Library Board.

The new headquarters building under construction is in need of additional funds, and we shall welcome any contributions from other Sections to complete it. We are grateful to Sections and others who have forwarded journals and magazines to us.

1988 was an outstanding year for the T.S. in West Africa and we are optimistic for growth and expansion in the years ahead.

MR PAUL B. KWAKYI
Organizing Secretary

CANADA No report

IRELAND, NORTHERN

Despite the disturbed state of affairs in the country, Theosophy continues to flourish. Public meetings and discussions on a wide variety of subject such as What is True? Peace and Aggression; Implications of Rebirth; Intuition; The Secret Doctrine; Pathways to Reality; Changing Attitudes to Death and others were well supported. Recorded talks by leading theosophical speakers have proved popular and the cassette library is being extended.

The books, *Talks on the Path of Occultism* by C.W. Leadbeater and Annie

Besant; *Key to Theosophy* by H.P.B. and *Yoga and Western Psychology* by Geraldine Coster were studied by the study group. A warm, friendly atmosphere conducive to study was the keynote. The previous Regional Secretary Mr Tony Rodriguez who has been a tower of strength has retired to live in Barcelona. He will be greatly missed. Membership is 44.

Grateful thanks to all who have assisted so willingly.

MRS MARIE HENRY
Regional Secretary

REPORTS OF FEDERATIONS

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The School of Theosophy held at Tekel's Park attracted 30 members. Every year Mini-Schools are held in France and Germany. Other Sections organize week-end meetings.

A very successful programme was presented at the European Congress at Chalfont St Giles in England held in conjunction with the English Section and *Secret Doctrine* Centenaries.

The Chairman travelled within Scandinavia and kept contact with most Sections. Executive Committee members visited several places. Miss Mary Anderson lectured in Basle, Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia. Ianthe Hoskins lectured and conducted courses in Europe, Australia and Adyar. The French

General Secretary Mrs F. Caracostea visited our members in Africa along with the International President as well as members of her own section. Geoffrey Farthing was guest speaker to the New Zealand Convention.

MRS BARBRO MELANDER
Chairman

INDO-PACIFIC THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

No report

INTER-AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

In cooperation with the Argentine Section we published Spanish translations of five books during 1988: *Gayatri*, and *Science and Occultism* by I.K. Taimni; *Dharma* by Annie Besant; *Seek the Path* by Rohit Mehta and *Meditation—Its Practice and Results* by Clara Codd. We expect to sell these books in Europe as well.

Mr Vicente Fiumano was sent by the Federation on a tour through Bolivia (4 January-7 February 1988) where he also directed the Summer School on the theme 'The Mystic of Theosophy' attended by 55 persons, including members from Chile and Argentina as well.

Miss Joy Mills covered Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina in a month-long tour

during April-May. She directed the Summer School in Argentina, and was guest speaker at the Inter-American Days held at Huerta Grande, Cordona—attended by 75 members from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

A desire of the Federation has been concretized: the implementation of courses in Spanish at Krotona which will be a positive contribution to the training of future workers.

The distances and costs of transportation constitute a hindrance in the task of integration, but we are hopeful of realizing an increasing number of joint activities among the Sections of the Inter-American Federation.

MR MANUEL FARINICH
President

WORLD THEOSOPHICAL YOUTH FEDERATION

Brazil is still the only place where the WTYF has a regular group working. The Brazilian Theosophical Youth Federation organized two youth camps in different parts of the country. Several of the WTYF groups in Porto Alegre (Brazil) continue to work in the development of a new political movement.

The WTYF Newsletter, 'The Uni-

versal Man', is usually issued twice a year. Those who would like to receive it may write to the Secretary and have his name on the mailing list.

Individual members are in India, Australia, England, Sweden, Holland, Tanzania and U.S.A.

MR ARNALDO SISSON FILHO
Chairman

REPORTS OF LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

BANGLADESH

The Lodge completes its 100th year in May 1989. Centenary celebrations are being planned to be held on 20 and 21 May 1989. It is hoped members from the International Headquarters will attend to give inspiration.

Forty-five meetings were held during the year, consisting of public and members' meetings. A wide range of

subjects was presented, some in the Bengali language. Seminars on 'Science and Religion' and 'Theosophy and Humanism' proved fairly successful so further seminars are being planned. The Memorial Days were all duly commemorated. Membership stands at forty-seven.

REV DHARMA RAKSHIT MAHATHERO
President

CAMEROUN

No report

HONG KONG

No report

ISRAEL

Covenant Lodge held regular weekly lectures presenting a wide variety of truly theosophical subjects such as, Brotherhood as a Law in Nature and its expression in Nature and Humanity; the relationship between the Monad and the Logos; the role of Man in the Universe and Freedom through Will, are examples.

Monthly workshops on Experiencing Concentration and Meditation, from Intellect to Intuition, Controlling the Astral Body and That which is always

here and now. Also two one-day seminars were held.

Parallel with the weekly public meetings there were two more weekly meetings for new members and enquirers. Once a month there is a Secret Doctrine class, also videos are shown, followed by discussion.

A bi-monthly magazine is to commence being published in November 1988.

MR ABRAHAM ORON
President

JAPAN

No report

KOREA

No report

PERU

The Government of Peru has placed restrictions on sending money out of the country but we will see if some method can be arranged to send money to Adyar.

During the year 26 meetings were

held, 2 books were studied—one by Taimni and one by E. Gardner. There were 5 public meetings. The Executive Committee held many meetings and lapsed the members who had not paid

their subscriptions. A card index has been made of members.

The section bulletin 'Krotona' has a new editor and the size of the magazine has been changed. The Executive Committee has been revising the Rules and Regulations for presentation to the General Assembly.

We maintain frequent contact with the Inter-American Federation. At present we have no meeting place of our own, but efforts are being made to obtain one.

In March, two members of the South American Society visited us and showed a film, 'Interview with Radha Burnier and Dora Kunz.' Membership as on 16.12.1987 was 33. There have been 6 new admissions since then, 39.

We hope to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. We are preparing a history of the Peruvian Society which will be issued next year.

MR JOSE G. ROMAN
Secretary

SINGAPORE

The Lodge activities have expanded and attendance has increased. During the year there were forty-seven interesting talks which evoked lively discussion. Video and slide programmes, and regular meditation classes were popular as were guest speakers and foreign visitors.

White Lotus Day was celebrated with

suitable readings followed by a vegetarian buffet.

A visit by a clairvoyant and healer who conducted workshops gave the members valuable experience.

MR HARRY LIM
Secretary

SURINAME

No report

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

OF THE MEETINGS OF THE

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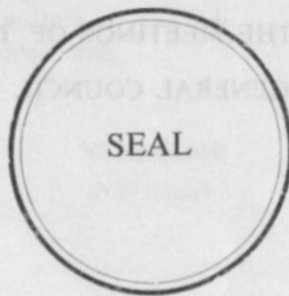
Station, Madras
Dated 3rd April 1992

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled 'An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860', that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



Station, Madras
Dated 3rd April 1905

(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

*In the matter of Act XXI 1860 of the Acts of Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, New Zealand.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author [for 2 years]

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired, Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. The Founders

Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of 'President-Founder', and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. Income and property applied to promotion of objects

The income and property of the Society,

whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. Members of General Council not answerable

No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. Vesting of Property on dissolution

If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions,

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM GLENNY KEAGEY	...
„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON	...
„ PYARE LAL	...
„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE	...

having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy, at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. Filing of Rules and Regulations, Memorandum

A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this...day of March 1905.

(Sd.) H.S. OLCOTT	„ W.A. ENGLISH
„ SUBRAMANIAM	„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
„ UPENDRA NATH BASU	„ ANNIE BESANT
„ N.D. KHANDALVALA	

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED 'THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY', ADYAR, MADRAS

1. General Council

The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. Members of the General Council

(a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than 12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. Removal of General Council members and officers

It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society

and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. Meetings of the General Council

(a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council, the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. Resolutions

(a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. Quorum

The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting

shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. Who Shall Preside

The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. President

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. President's term of office

The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. Election of President

The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of The Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinafter detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct

the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council shall be entitled to make one nomination.

The nominator shall be responsible for ensuring that his nomination(s) reaches the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nomination.

The nominee shall be responsible for notifying the Secretary, within the above-mentioned period of his acceptance of nomination. One written consent shall suffice for all nominations for that nominee.

(d) At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the

last place on the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the results to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good

standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list the vote shall be taken on a 'For' or 'Against' ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a 'For' or 'Against' ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

11. Nomination and election of Vice-President; his duties

(a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by

the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. Appointment of Secretary and other officials

The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its

members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. Nomination and election of Treasurer

The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

14. Appointment of Executive Committee

(a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-option.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

- (i) The power to amend or repeal the Rules;
- (ii) The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;

(iii) Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

15. Meetings of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. Quorum of Executive Committee

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. Chairman of Executive Committee

The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. President Custodian of archives; Executive Officer; power to make temporary and provisional appointments

The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business

of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. Receipt of moneys

All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. Deposits, Signatories

The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following: the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. Power of Attorney

(a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise

transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, reals or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and release, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

Investments

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, Unit Trust of India, Term Deposits in Scheduled Banks, fixed deposits and bonds of Government of India undertakings or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

Disposal of Adyar Estate

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

Transfer of investments and other property

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee,

sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

22. Affixing of Seal, Signatures

(a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Transfer of movable property

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21(a).

23. Suer

The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. Secretary to affix Seal

The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the

Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. Death or resignation of President

On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

26. Headquarters

Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. Permission to reside

The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person use of any premises or portion thereof in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying such premises under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period. When circumstances warrant it, the fortnight's notice may be dispensed with and the person shall quit immediately when required to do so.

28. Eligibility for membership

Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted

to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. Admission to membership

(a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) Admission to membership shall be at the discretion of the National Society or the International Secretary, as the case may be.

Membership Date

(c) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(d) Members may not be full members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such

rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodges (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

(e) Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections and other matters pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary, or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

30. Lodges and Fellows within a National Society

Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may, while retaining his membership of that National Society, belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to The Theosophical

Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. Lodges and Fellows within a National Society but attached direct to Adyar or to another National Society

(a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favour thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch)

concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges and Fellows where no National Society exist

Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Formation of a Lodge

Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

The Presidents, Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members, of Lodges (Branches) shall have been members in good standing for not less than two consecutive years immediately prior to their election. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an

Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

34. President grants, refuses Charters

The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. Formation of a National Society

(a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

Formation of a Section

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

Formation of a Regional Association

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgement

territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

Appointment of Presidential Representatives

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. Authority of Charters and Diplomas

(a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (a), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or

Regional Association, for the management of the business and affairs of the National Section or Regional Association.

(c) The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (b) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.

Minimum number of members for National Society

(d) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion withdraw its Charter.

In the event of the Charter not being withdrawn, the General Secretary of the Section concerned shall cease to have voting rights as a member of the General Council until the necessary numerical strength is recovered.

37. Rules of Lodges and National Societies

Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgement of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. General Secretary

(a) Every National Society shall elect a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

(b) The General Secretary shall be elected according to the procedure laid

down in the rules and regulations of the National Society for a term not exceeding three years. He shall, however, be eligible for re-election for a further term or terms, if the rules of the National Society permit it.

(c) The General Secretary shall generally reside within the area of the National Society and shall not be absent from the area for any period or periods exceeding the limit prescribed by the National Society.

(d) General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members of National Societies and Regional Associations, shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years immediately prior to their election to the office concerned. Provided that in special circumstances, the National Council or Committee shall have power to waive the requirements of this rule.

39. Annual Report

The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies known as Sections

National Societies hitherto known as Sections which have been incorporated under the name of 'The...Section of The T.S.' before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

41. Fees and Subscriptions

The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society; for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); of Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association, or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large: Fees and Subscriptions

Fellows-at-large resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the bylaws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General

Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

43. National Societies: Fees to Adyar

(a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of March of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st March.

Presidential Agencies: Dues

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43(a).

44. Cancellation of Charter or dissolution of National Society or Lodge

In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

Vesting of property of National Society or Lodge

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31(c) (except) where the law of the country where the National Society

or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest (as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31(c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Revival or transfer of Charter

(c) Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgement shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36 and, on an appeal under sub-rule (c) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch), and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation

of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. Financial accounts

The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

46. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within nine months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. World Congress

Not more than once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

48. Special meetings

The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

49. Changes in Rules and Regulations

The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive

Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. Bylaws

The General Council may frame bylaws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bylaws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

APPENDIX

A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining The Theosophical Society (e) work done for The Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election

Note: Where the term 'General Secretary' is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term 'Section' is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting papers shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of 'For' or 'Against' votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small

envelope labelled 'Voting Result. . . . Section', seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by airmail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting

list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by airmail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked 'Duplicate'.

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

of that committee shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of 'For' or 'Against' votes if there is but one candidate).

(4) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small

envelope on the basis of the list supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidate for election) before being issued.

3. Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election

Note: Where the term 'General Secretary' is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term 'Section' is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

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Secretary: MR CONRAD JAMIESON

Treasurer: MR CURT BERG

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1956	Africa, West *	... Mr P.B. Kwakyi	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1929	America, Central	... Mr Ernesto Aguilar Castro	... P.O. Box 1595, San Salvador, El Salvador
1920	Argentina	... Mr Manuel Farinich	... Pje. Florencio Balcarce 71, 1405 Buenos Aires
1895	Australia	... Miss Dianne Kay Kynaston	... 4th Flr., 484 Kent St., Sydney, N.S.W. 2000
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1911	Belgium	... Dr H. van der Hecht	... 166 Rue de la Cambre, 1200 Brussels
1965	Bolivia †	... Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo	... Casilla 2083, La Paz
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1912	Burma	... U Tin Hlaing	... No. 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1919	Canada	... Mr Stan Treloar	... R.R. No. 3, Burk's Falls, Ont. POA 1C0
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1918	Denmark †	... Mr Uffe Vilstrup	... Lars Nielsens Vej 13, DK-2970 Horsholm
1888	England	... Miss Ianthe Hoskins	... 50 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HJ
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1902	Germany, West	... Mrs Eva Maas	... D-6450 Hanau/M, 1, Friedrich Ebert-Anlage 9
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1948	Malaysia †	...	Mr S. Narayanan	...	12 Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1919	Mexico	...	Mr Isaac Jauli Davila	...	3 Poniente No. 724-A, 72000 Puebla, Pue
1897	Netherlands, The	...	Dr W. H. van Vledder	...	Tolstraat 154, 1074 VM Amsterdam
1896	New Zealand	...	Mr W.W. Johnstone	...	18 Belvedere Street, Epsom, Auckland 3
1913	Norway	...	Ms Agnes Gasemyr	...	Odd Husbysvåg 82 B, 7000 Trondheim
1948	Pakistan †	...	Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	...	'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 0402
1933	Philippines, The	...	Mr Vicente Haó Chin Jr	...	Corner P. Florentino and Iba Streets, Quezon City
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1926	Sri Lanka	...	Mr Edmund P. Silva	...	49 Peterson Lane, Colombo 6
1895	Sweden	...	Mrs Ing-Britt Wiklund	...	Kalle Posts väg 48, S-702 29 Örebro
1910	Switzerland	...	Miss Elizabeth Jenny	...	Binderstrasse 62, CH—8702, Zollikon
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Chairman: Mr Arnaldo Sisson Filho, Caixa Postal 10360, Porto Alegre, 90000 Brazil

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MRS BARBRO MELANDER, Beleshogsv, 15, S-21618 Malmo, Sweden
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(for 1989, 1990 and 1991)

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

*Of the meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held at Adyar on 25 December 1988 at 8 a.m.*

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President (in the chair) and proxy for Italy, Mexico, Switzerland, Philippines and France</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President and proxy for Uruguay, Belgium, Yugoslavia, East and Central Africa and Miss Joy Mills</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>Secretary and proxy for Norway, Puerto Rico, Finland, Netherlands and Miss Ianthe Hoskins</i>
Mr Curt Berg	<i>Treasurer and proxy for Austria, Sweden, Iceland, West Germany and Mrs Barbro Melander</i>
Mrs Dorothy Abbenhouse	<i>General Secretary, USA, and proxy for Mr James Perkins, Mrs Emily Sellon, Australia and Argentina.</i>
Dr C.V. Agarwal	<i>General Secretary, India</i>
Dr Hugh Gray	<i>General Secretary, England</i>
Mrs Gool Minwalla	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Colombia</i>
Mr S.S. Varma	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mrs Norma Sastry	„
Mr. C.R.N. Swamy	„

Present by invitation as Observers

Mr Paul Zwollo, Netherlands

Mr D. Ganesh Kumar, East and Central Africa

The President welcomed those present and read the list of proxies.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the General Council held at Adyar on 25 December 1987 and 1 January 1988, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising out of the minutes

St Michael's Naarden.

The President reported in detail the proposed relationship between St Michael's Centre, Naarden, and the Theosophical Society, as recorded in the minutes of the Consultative meeting of the General Council held in England on 30 July 1988.

The General Council gave its approval to the implementation of the relationship as stated.

3. Confirmation of Voting

(a) *Amendments to Rules and Regulations*

The following amendments had been circulated for voting (changes in italics):

i. *Rule 43(a)*

Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen percent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of *March* of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on *31st March*.

The voting was:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstained</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Total</i>
30	—	—	—	30

ii. *Rule 46 (first sentence)*

The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within *nine* months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years.

The voting was:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstained</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Total</i>
30	—	—	—	30

iii. *Rule 10(c)*

Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council shall be entitled to make one nomination.

The nominator shall be responsible for ensuring that his nomination(s) reaches the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

The nominee shall be responsible for notifying the Secretary within the above-mentioned period of his acceptance of the nomination(s). One written consent shall suffice for all nominations for that nominee.

The voting was:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstained</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Total</i>
28	—	—	—	28

The above three amendments having received the required number of votes were declared adopted.

(b) *Election of Additional Members of the General Council for 1989, 1990 and 1991.*

<i>Name</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstained</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Total</i>
Mrs Gool Minwalla	36	—	—	1	37
Miss Joy Mills	36	—	—	1	37
Mrs Barbro Melander	36	—	—	1	37
Mr Walter Ballesteros	36	—	—	1	37

All the above-named were declared elected as Additional Members for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991.

4. Report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30 September 1988

The report for the year was presented by the Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan.

A letter was received from Miss D. Kynaston, President of the Indo-Pacific Federation, proposing that the presidents of the Indo-Pacific, European and Inter-American Federations be members of the N.E.P.F. Committee and that the committee draw up and supply guidelines for applicants together with the rules of operation of the Fund.

The General Council was of the view that membership of the Committee should not be based on the ex-officio status of the presidents of the three Federations.

To qualify for a grant, the Section, Federation or Group must set up a separate fund and the sale proceeds of books financed by grants from the N.E.P.F. should be credited to this fund. An account of this fund should be furnished when a request is made for a subsequent grant. Information should also be furnished about the number of copies sold of the book last published with a grant.

Guidelines for seeking grants from the N.E.P.F. will be revised and circulated.

The Committee for the next three years (1989, 1990 and 1991) shall consist of the following:

- Mrs Radha Burnier, *Chairman*
- Mr Surendra Narayan, *Vice-Chairman*
- Mr Conrad Jamieson
- Mr Curt Berg
- Mr Jack Patterson
- Miss Ianthe Hoskins
- Miss Joy Mills
- Mrs Barbro Melander

Members of the Committee may consult the heads of the Theosophical Publishing Houses—Adyar, Wheaton and London—for any advice or information considered necessary.

5. Report of the International Finance Committee for the year ending 30 September 1988

The report for the year was presented by the Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan. The following were appointed as members of the International Finance Committee for 1989, 1990 and 1991:

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>Secretary</i>
Mr Curt Berg	<i>Treasurer</i>

6. Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30 September 1988

A summary of the Executive Committee's minutes was received, and the following were appointed as members of the Committee for 1989:

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>Secretary</i>
Mr Curt Berg	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mr S. S. Varma	<i>General Council Member</i>
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	"
Mr R. Gopalaratnam	
Mr Ch Sankar Rao	
Mr K. Visvanathan	

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report and explained the new format of accounts presentation, e.g., all charitable activities are now under one heading.

Due to changes in the Indian Income Tax Act, the financial year of the Society has to end on 31 March 1989. Therefore only provisional figures up to 30.9.1988 were presented to provide a picture of the financial position of the Society. Audited accounts for the period 1.10.87 to 31.3.1989 will be circulated during 1989.

8. Budgets for periods 1.10.88 to 31.3.1989 and the year ending 31.3.1990

Owing to the change in the financial year, budgets were presented for the period, 1.10.88 to 31.3.1989 and also for the year ending 31.3.1990. These were considered and adopted.

9. Appointment of Auditors

Messrs Fraser and Ross were appointed as the Society's auditors for the period 1.10.1988 to 31.3.1989 and for the year ending 31.3.1990.

The meeting was adjourned to 8 a.m. on 1 January 1989.

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar on 1 January 1989 at 8 a.m.

10. Any other Business

(a) Amendment to Rule 10

The following amendment to Rule 10, proposed by the General Secretary of the Belgian Section, was considered. It was decided to circulate the same for voting as the last paragraph of Rule 10(d).

However, in the event of a nominee dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, between the date of the call for nominations and the despatch of the voting list, the nomination procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary.

(b) Amendment to Rule 39

After consideration, the following amendment to Rule 39 was approved for circulation and voting:

The General Secretary of each National Society, the Regional Secretaries, Presidential Representatives and Secretaries of Lodges directly attached to Adyar shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work, along with an audited financial statement of accounts with an English translation where necessary; and at any time furnish any further information the President or the General Council may desire.

(c) World Congress

There was a discussion as to when a World Congress might be held. Rule 47, indicates that a Congress may be held not more than once in every seven years. This does not mean it must be held every seven years. It was the view of the Council that tentatively 1992 might be considered with the venue in one of the Latin American countries.

(d) Theosophical Book Association for the Blind Inc.

After discussion, the recommendation made at the Consultative meeting of the General Council in July 1988 that blind members should be primary members of their local Lodge and affiliated members of any Lodge outside their Section, in accordance with Rule 30, was adopted.

The good work done by the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind was appreciated. It was decided that the work of the Association could be publicized through Section journals.

(e) *Foundation Fund, America*

In 1977 the title of the A.B.C. America Fund was changed to Foundation Fund. The Council strongly recommended that the title should revert to A.B.C. America Fund, and that the purpose of the fund be restated as being for the maintenance of the international headquarters at Adyar and its international activities.

(f) *Changes in the Society*

There was a discussion of suggestions made for changes in the Society's objects, structure, etc. It was decided that prior to closer consideration by the General Council discussion might be held within the Sections.

(g) *Sponsoring Students to School of the Wisdom*

It was suggested that a few students should be selected to attend the School of the Wisdom each year and assistance for their travel expenses be paid by the T.S. if necessary.
